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# TO THE READER.

**N**O sooner had that Piece call'd, *The Amours of Messalina*, appear'd in Publick, but some malicious Persons gave out, that I was the Author of it, they having heard under-hand, that I was about some such thing; and though presently after, there came forth another Piece on the same Subject in my Name, Entitled, *The Court Secret*, in which Crown'd Heads are treated with that Reverence and Respect which is due to them: They have still continu'd to misrepresent me to the World, adding, That the

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severe Rebukes which I had received for my rude Behaviour towards Sovereigns in the first, had made me to compose the last in another strain, by way of Submission. Did those Persons that thus asperse me but consider with what Respect I speak of Persons that once have had Dominion over me, they would not find one grain of that ill Nature in all my Writings, with which the Amours of Messalina have been season'd by its Author, as if designedly writ as a Satyr against the late King and Queen, which has prov'd a Scandal to all moderate and modest Persons.

There are Men in the World that resemble some Creatures, which the Naturalists report to be of so venomous Natures, that suck Poison from those very Plants that other Animals gather Odoriferous Balsams and Honey, and that corrupt the very Air they take in; so that  
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at the breathing of it forth again it destroys all that approaches near them. Their natural ill-Dispositions and Inclinations have such strong Tendencies to Evil, that they convert all the Advantages which they might have receiv'd from Education, Learning, and good Examples, into scandalous Conceptions and Expressions, without respect to Dignities or Persons.

Certainly those Persons must needs be void of that Charity, which covers a multitude of Defects, that thus delight to impose the worst of Crimes on those that have been their Lords and Sovereigns, unto whom all Honour and Respect is due, from those who once were their Subjects, if it were but for the bare Relation they have to our present King and Queen, whom God long preserve.

It may be alledged (though disingeniously) That I my self am guilty of that which is blamed in others,

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by speaking too largely of another King, under the Name of Cha-abas the Emperor of Persia. But when all is done, that very Person intended, was never my King, and God forbid he ever should be so; and what do I say of him, nay, what can I say more of him, than what has already been declar'd and proclaim'd, not by a few of his own inconsiderable Heretick Subjects (as he is pleased to call those that are Protestants) but also by the Emperour of Germany, the Kings of England, Denmark, Sweden, the States of Holland, and all the Confederate Princes, all which has been confirm'd by his most Holy Father the Pope? Is he not publicly declar'd the common Enemy of Christendom? Has he not with Justice acquired the Mock-title of most Christian Turk, in lieu of that of most Christian King? Has he not fomented the Disorders in Hungary, and in-

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vited the Turks to invade the Empire, promising them to give such a diversion to the Emperour's Arms another way, that they should find a very easie Conquest of it? And has he not shew'd us greater Examples of Cruelties, than the very Infidels have done against poor Christians on the bare account of their Religion, in the barbarous Murthers of his own Subjects? Pillaging, burning, and destroying all places that the Justice of his Enemies Arms force him to abandon, not so much as sparing those which are consecrated to that God which he adores (if he owns any at all) and all this after the Murther of Men and Children, and the Ravishing and Deflowering of the grave Matrons and Virgins? Nay; it rather may be ask'd, What has he not done of most cruel, barbarous, and inhumane? And when he was rather tired, than satiated, not contented with all those Acts of Cruelty

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Cruelty which he had committed both at home and abroad, in the profoundest Security that a Peace could procure, while he himself took breath; Has he not us'd his utmost Endeavours to delude a too easie Prince who he had charm'd with his Flatteries and deceitful Promises, and by the influence of his all-doing dazzling Gold, to follow his steps, till trusting too much on his plausible Assurances, he has been depriv'd of the Love of his own People, of the Friendship of his Allies, and at last of his three Kingdoms also? And had we not by this time all of us been convinc'd of the sad Effects of the French King's Advices and Counsels, by a most woful and lamentable Experience, had not the immediate Hand of God interpos'd.

If then that King has rendred himself so odious to all Christians in becoming their profess'd and declar'd Enemy, through the Tyrannical Government



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ernment of his own People, and his  
perfidious Usurpations on his Neigh-  
bours, as to draw upon himself such  
harsh, though rightly deserved Cha-  
racters, I may very well be excus'd,  
for what I have said of the same  
Person, in a Novel, where Hyper-  
bolies are allowed in their largest  
extent : I having had no other de-  
sign in the whole Business than to  
gratify the Reader with joyning the  
Pleasant to the Useful, without the  
least intention of railing, or so much  
as making any severe Reflexions, or  
bearing malice against any Person,  
even my profest Enemies, much less  
against such as are absolute Stran-  
gers to me.



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# A Key to both Parts of the Court Secret.

<i>Selim the First,</i>	<i>King Charles I.</i>
<i>Selim the Second,</i>	<i>King Charles II.</i>
<i>Amurat,</i>	<i>The Duke of York,</i>
<i>Osmond,</i>	<i>The Duke of Glocester..</i>
<i>Soliman,</i>	<i>The Prince of Orange.</i>
<i>The Sultana,</i>	<i>Queen Mary.</i>
<i>Zelinda,</i>	<i>The Princess of Orange.</i>
<i>Cha-abas,</i>	<i>The French King.</i>
<i>Clorinet,</i>	<i>Tyrconnel.</i>
<i>Chilase,</i>	<i>The French King's Confessor.</i>
<i>Repset,</i>	<i>Peters the Jesuit.</i>
<i>Zora,</i>	<i>His Sister.</i>
<i>Clorineta,</i>	<i>The Lady Tyrconnel.</i>
<i>Monienna,</i>	<i>Madam of Maintenon.</i>
<i>Emperor of Migrena,</i>	<i>Emp. of Germany.</i>
<i>Grand Visir Rinola,</i>	<i>D. of Lorraine.</i>

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<i>Swibrunkia,</i>	<i>D. of Brunswick.</i>
<i>Abrania,</i>	<i>Badaria.</i>
<i>Brugulnea,</i>	<i>Lunenbourg.</i>
<i>Xonisea,</i>	<i>Saxony.</i>
<i>Grubdenbran,</i>	<i>Brandenburg.</i>
<i>Sehes,</i>	<i>Hesse.</i>
	<i>Stenrum,</i>

Stenrum,	Munster
The Saraguere Kelwad,	Waldeck
The Ottoman Empire,	Great Britain
The Persian Empire,	France
Albiona,	England
Myrgena,	Germany
Pesina,	Spain
Haldon,	Holland
Clonst ad,	Scotland
Leridan,	Ireland
Constantinople,	London
Ispahan,	Paris
Risanta,	Austria
Blumid,	Dublin
Lynderodon,	Londonderry
Mahometans,	Protestants
Mahometists,	Jesuits
Halists,	Papists
Grand Musti,	The Pope
Musti,	Bishops or Priests
Heathens,	Turks
The Grand Council of the Divan, or of the Empire.	The Parliament.

As for *Aladin, Roxana, Cara,* and  
*Moretto,* the Reader may apply them  
 as he thinks fit.

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## PART II.

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**A**mbition is a Passion so absolute and imperious, that when a Mind is once possess'd with it, there is rarely any admittance for any other at the same time: It seizes the whole Man, and Love it self,

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that masters the Masters of the World, can scarce get entrance in an heart prepossess'd with that Tyrant, that is continually fed with those Court-Flatteries where-with Princes are usually entertain'd.

Yet there is no Rule so general that will not admit of some Exception, and in the Person of *Chahabas*, the now Emperor of *Persia* may be seen that that unsufferable Ambition, which caus'd him to aim at an Universal Monarchy, and that has arm'd all the World against him, threatning no less than the utter Subversion of his Empire has at the same time receiv'd also into his Bosom that Tittle Deity who blinds all those Victims which he designs for Sacrifices; in so much that the Vulgar, who seldom dive into the Secrets of Princes, have attributed wholly to his boundless Ambition, that in which  
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Love had as great a share, if not the advantage. I shall leave it to the Reader's Judgment in the reading of this Second Part of the *Court Secret*; in which that Emperour's Private Amours are set forth according to the Memoires fallen into my hands.

When the *Persian* Emperour had been advis'd by his Politick Council, to make choice of a Wife for *Amurat*, that might espouse the *Persian* Interest, be capable of governing him when he should come to the Government, which right or wrong was to happen, according to the measures which they had taken, in the prospect they had that *Amurat* was a great Profelyte to that Sect. This present *Sultana* was pitch'd upon as the most proper and fit person that could be had for that purpose. She was therefore chosen from a great



number that aspired at that honour, to become, in success of time, the chiefest Instrument by which all the *Halists* should work their Designs in that Empire. Of truth, her Wit, Address, Presence of Mind, Courage, Boldness, and exquisite Beauty, which gave lustre to all her other excellencies, did highly contribute in rendring her Mistress of *Amurat's* Affections, and fitted her above all other persons in the World to carry on so great a Design.

The *Sultana* had formerly liv'd in the *Persian* Court, where *Chabas* had had the opportunity of admiring her Charms; and doubtless he had been so absolutely master'd by them, as never to have been brought to resign such a Treasure of Beauties to another, when he had it at his disposal, had he not been diverted from it, by the choicest Beauties of his Empire, which



which were daily offer'd to him, and the Shame which was continually set before his eyes, of losing so fair an opportunity of rendering himself Master of the *Ottoman* Empire, so much coveted and aimed at by his Predecessors, the Glory of the Performance being by his Fortunate Stars, reserv'd for his invincible Arms, which would illustrate all his Conquests, establish for ever the Religion of *Holy* throughout the *Ottoman* Empire, and Crown him with eternal Glory and Renown.

Those and such like Arguments, for that time, caus'd his Ambition to triumph over his Love; he yielded to their Advices, and permitted himself to be led by Interest, to the prejudice of Love, who enraged at the Affront, divested *Cha-abas* Heart from its Natural Severity, and infus'd it into the *Sultana's* Bosome, rendring it

thereby so obdurate to all his Intercessions, that all his Repentance and Submission should not be of force to make in it the least impression.

The violent Counsels of the *Musty Repset*, and other *Halists*, having been the occasion of that prodigious and wonderful change in the *Ottoman* Empire, which had caus'd *Amurat* and the *Sultana* to retire into *Persia*, from the Fury of an enraged Multitude, against whose Torrent no Bank of Religion, Allegiance, or Loyalty can hold, and that nothing but its own impetuosity can allay. They were oblig'd to run the same Fortune also; the *Musti*, like the rest of his Order, not much troubling his Head at the wonderful Alterations which he, with the assistance of others of his Fraternity, had wrought in *Turky*. Of truth it may be said of that Society, that  
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they were ever true to that design they first took in hand, to stick to the Interest of the House of *Risanta*. That made them, when they found, notwithstanding all their efforts, that the *Persian* Emperour still grew more and more formidable, to the great prejudice of the *Persinians*, they on the sudden feign'd themselves weary of protecting the *Persinians*, made Overtures to wholly relinquish their Interest, and to come over to that of *Persia*; which was greedily embrac'd by its Emperour, who not distrusting them, did wholly relie on their Counsels; they in the mean time, by that means and Stratagem, designing the total Ruine of the *Persian* Empire, and the raising of the House of *Risanta* above whatever it had yet been. This made them to put *Cha-abas* upon glutting his Ambition by all base and violent

Usurpations, Breaches of Treaties  
 Treacheries upon the Territories  
 of those Neighbouring Princes  
 that were at Peace with him,  
 which made the Grand *Musti*  
 himself to be affronted by him,  
 by which doings he has now  
 drawn upon him the hatred of  
 all Princes, who have all joyn'd  
 against him that will not hear of  
 any Terms of Accommodation;  
 who have oblig'd the *Grand Musti*  
 not to protect him, but to aban-  
 don him to the just Revenge of  
 all those Princes whom he has so  
 highly offended, and that even  
 will not assist *Amurat* in the least  
 in the recovery of his lost Em-  
 pire, because it has happen'd  
 through his following the evil  
 Counsels of the *Persian* Empe-  
 rour, though he is so great a  
 Preselyte to the Religion of *Haly*,  
 of which most of those Confede-  
 rate Princes against *Cha-abas* are  
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Professors. Thus have the *Mahometists*, under pretence of Friendship to *Persia*, work'd those Ends, and brought about those purposes for the advantage of *Persia*, which they could not compass by open force, and put the *Persians* by their entring into the Confederacy, in a Capacity of not only recovering suddenly all that *Cha-abas* has at several times basely stol'n from them, but in sharing also in that spoil which is intended of the whole *Persian* Empire. I hope the Reader will pardon this Digression, on condition that I will not trouble him with any more. And now I return to my Subject again.

*Cha-abas* having gone so far in his Design against the *Ottoman* Empire, as to cause *Amurat* to desert it, though his Designs were first quite different from what had happen'd, he design'd farther to

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make use of *Amurat's* Desertion of his Empire, to his particular advantage, which could not be done, without causing *Amurat* to change the Resolution which his good Nature had prompt'd him to, of retiring from the World into some Religious Place, there to end his days in Devotions. To this purpose *Cha-abas* gave Orders, That all persons, from the highest to the lowest, in his Dominions, should give the same respect to *Amurat* and to his *Sultana*, as they us'd to shew to himself; He caus'd them to be bravely and magnificently entertain'd in all places they pass'd through, made his own Guards to attend them, and sent his own Chariots to bring them to a magnificent Palace which he had caus'd to be richly furnish'd, and adorn'd with all necessary things for their Reception, and went some part of  
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the way himself to receive them, with all the Demonstrations of Sorrow imaginable, and all the Assurances of Friendship, Aid and Assistance that could be expected; protesting, That notwithstanding all those formidable enemies which he had at that time on his hands, he would re-seat *Amurat* on his Throne; and that he would beg for Peace on his bare Knees of his enemies, rather than not pursue the destruction of the *Mahometan* Religion, which he was resolv'd to accomplish, happen what would, and to make *Amurat* a more glorious and absolute Prince in the *Ottoman* Empire than ever any of his Predecessors had been.

Thus did that Vain Man, that Monster of Pride, Cruelty, and Ambition, domineer and huff, when he knew not which way to turn himself, before the Confederate Princes, who were all resolv'd  
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to pull down his Pride, and to take from him at once all those places, and whole Provinces which by fraud and deceit he had at divers times encroached and stoln from them. He had first tried all means imaginable, and had apply'd himself to the *Grand Musti*, and to the Emperour of *Myrgena*, with promises to restore all that he had gained from them; but they told him, that they knew him too well to trust any longer to his Word, which he had never kept. So that finding that that would not do, he had propos'd to beg those Princes Pardon which he had offended, and to make full restitution of all that he had possess'd himself of theirs, with an assurance, that he would submit to all that they should please to impose upon him, provided, they would but withdraw their Forces from falling upon him, till he had

accomplish'd that great Design he had so well begun, of totally rooting out the true *Mahometan* Religion: But those Confederate Princes knowing, that all that he said, was but to divert them from taking revenge of all his perfidious dealings against them; and that at the very time that he so earnestly begg'd for a Peace, he was animating and fomenting the *Heathens*, to continuing a War against the *Mahometists*; they therefore gave no ear to any thing he said, but went on still with their preparations of War against him, with all the vigour imaginable.

This made *Cha-abas* to look out for a place of Retreat in time, in case he should be driven out of his own Empire; but he did it with that same Pride and Ostentation which usually accompanies all his Actions. He cast his eye on the  
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Island *Leridan* , pertaining to *Amurat*, and which still held out for him , all the Natives of that Kingdom being *Halists*, and govern'd by *Clorinet* , who was a great *Halist* also , and who had been plac'd in that station by *Amurat*.

After then that he had brought *Amurat* and his *Sultana* to that Palace which he had appointed for them, and settled an Allowance for their Maintenance suitable to their Greatness, he began to consider which way to begin, and in what proper Terms to propose to *Amurat* , so that he might not find out his drift , the reduction of *Clonstad* and of *Albiona* to him ; but *Amurat* was not long without giving him himself a fair opportunity of declaring his Mind ; for he being still dejected and unconsolable, for the loss of the Love of his Subjects, without which he  
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 go- ken , of leaving the World, and  
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 on'd his Design to *Cha-abas*. There  
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 or sufficient for him to work upon:  
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 - all his former Actions ; it would  
 n give occasion to the World to cen-  
 o sure him, and to future Ages to  
 t entertain a very ill Opinion of  
 him : He added, That he himself  
 was so highly concern'd in the  
 whole Business , that it would  
 greatly tarnish that Glory which  
 the Justice of his Cause, and the  
 good success of his Arms had ac-  
 quired him, if he did not re-esta-  
 blish *Amurat* on his Throne, and  
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totally root out of all his Dominions the *Mahometan* Religion, as he had already done out of his own Empire, and would do out of the whole World, before he would be quiet: That a War which was founded on Religion, and the extirpation of Heresies, as his was, was not to be left undone, being of quite another Nature than those Wars which are made on the account of securing ones Right, enlarging of ones Dominions, increasing of ones Glory, and the like; That whosoever once set his his Hand to that Plough, wherein Religion was concern'd, was not to look back, but to go forwards, over all the Hazards and Difficulties imaginable, being confident, that the more perillous, the more glorious the Achievement of the thing would be; that he was ready to assist him with Men, Arms, Ammunition

münition and Money , with Vessels to transport them over into *Leridan*, where he thought it the most convenient to begin, by the total suppression of all his *Mahometan* Subjects , through the aid and assistance of those Forces which were all *Halists* , under the Conduct of his Lieutenant *Clorinet*. In fine, he said so much to *Amurat*, and did so subtly disguise his Designs to him, under the Veil of Religion, that though he did not absolutely yield to his Reasons, yet he had nothing to say for himself, but that he would consider of it, and give *Cha-abas* an Answer in a day or two.

*Cha-abas* finding that *Amurat* began to shake in the handle , thought of making use of that other means which had succeeded so well before, which was, in putting the *Sultana* on following close by Night those Lessons which he  
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and the *Mufties* of his Party did continually buz in *Amurat's* Ears all the Day long; which made *Amurat* to believe himself in a worfe condition than ever; and of truth, meerly to rid himself of that continual trouble that he saw himself exposed unto, by those perpetual Tongue-Batteries, discharg'd against his Constancy and Resolutions, he yielded to their Efforts, and began to capitulate with *Cha-abas* about the Business. *Cha-abas* told him, that he had no other end in it, than the re-establishing of him on his Throne again, and, all under one, to extirpate Heresie: But that because *Amurat* had been so unsuccessful in his former Designs, for want of good Counsellors and Officers, to perform and execute those Resolutions that the Councils had taken, he did think it not only convenient, but very necessary to give him

did him such a Counsellor as they  
 might both trust in for Fidelity  
 and Conduct ; that to avoid all  
 occasion of Murmurs amongst his  
 Subjects, who would all expect  
 Relief from the Monies which he  
 should transport with him, there  
 should go along with him a *Per-*  
*sian* Treasurer , that should have  
 the whole and sole disposal of  
 his Treasure; and that neither of  
 his Subjects, either *Halists* or *Ma-*  
*hometans* , that were Officers ,  
 should envy one another , (for  
 those last were to be a little while  
 longer consider'd) he would send  
 also some *Persian* Officers to be put  
 in all strong places to command  
 the Army , and to govern the  
 Military Affairs , as occasions  
 should serve : So that *Amurd*  
 should have nothing to do, but  
 to countenance the whole proceed-  
 ing, as being made in his Name,  
 and on his Account, till the Busi-  
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ness was ended ; and that then he should take upon him again the whole management of Affairs and Rule as Emperour there and recover , through *Cha-abas* continued assistance, the rest of his lost Empire.

All these sugar'd Baites did *Amurat* swallow down , with the greatest security that could be , not so much as once doubting in the least, but that all that *Cha-abas* said, was real and sincere : He therefore resolv'd once again to launch himself into the World, and through *Cha-abas* kind assistance , go and recover his lost Empire. *Amurat* having taken this Resolution , and having past his Word to *Cha-abas* of being wholly and absolutely govern'd by him , to see whether that would alter the ill success which he had had hitherto in all his Undertakings. There was publick

lick Rejoycings at it ; *Amurat* had Liberty to breathe again, and was no longer tormented with the continual Alarms which he receiv'd Day and Night from those whom *Cha-abas* had appointed to torment him. But there happen'd another Obstacle, which was to be remov'd, as a great Impediment to *Cha-abas* other Designs : So far he had consulted but his own Pride and Ambition ; but Love claim'd a share in his Bosome also, and the *Sultana's* Charms had already made so deep an impressiion in his heart, that it was impossible for him to yield to those earnest Intreaties and Prayers which she made, that she might attend on *Amurat* in that Expedition ; He represented to her the Season of the Year, the Inconstancy of the Elements that she would expose her self to, the Uncertainty of the

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of lying long at Sea, of Land-  
ing amongst Enemies, of going  
from a pure to an unwholesome  
corrupt Air, where diseased men  
might make it still more dange-  
rous. In fine, he himself, and  
those whom he set on the *Sul-  
tana*, to dissuade her from going,  
acted so well their Parts, that not  
only the *Sultana*, but *Amurat* him-  
self, (who had already given his  
Consent for the *Sultana* to ac-  
company him,) did resolve, that  
she should rest behind, at least  
till it were convenient for her  
to come over: Mean time, all  
Dispatches were made for the sud-  
den putting in execution what  
had been design'd and agreed on  
betwixt the Two Emperours;  
insomuch, that in a short time  
*Amurat* was told, that the Fleet,  
and all the things necessary for  
his Expedition, were in a readi-  
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ness, and ready to set Sail, only they wanted his Person, without which nothing could be done. Thus was *Amurat* sent away from his *Sultana*, to countenance *Chaabas* Designs on *Leridan*, and to give more Liberty to his amorous Intrigues. For no sooner was *Amurat* gone, but that *Chaabas* laid close Siege unto the *Sultana's* Vertues, and follow'd it so close, that he prevented the Design which she had taken, and which doubtless she had executed, of confining her self into some Society of Religious Women, during *Amurat's* Absence, had not *Chaabas* Love been very diligent in breaking her measures. He had not yet made any Declaration of Love to her, and all those Services and Demonstrations of Respect which he shew'd her, pass'd but for the effects of his Courtesie and Civility, to a Princess



Princess in affliction: He had had  
 some thoughts of declaring his  
 Passion, but he thought it was  
 not to be done in a mean and  
 ordinary method, but in such a  
 manner as should correspond  
 with his Glory, the Greatness of  
 the *Sultana*, and the Excess of  
 his Passion. He daily did afford  
 her new Divertisements, and find-  
 ing that there still reign'd over  
 the *Sultana's* Brow, a certain me-  
 lancholick Air, which though it  
 added no small Lustre unto the  
*Sultana's* Majestick Gravity, yet  
 did not so well answer his a-  
 morous Designs towards her; he  
 resolv'd upon communicating of  
 his Designs unto *Clorineta*, Wife  
 to *Clorinet*, who had accompani-  
 ed the *Sultana* from *Turky* into  
*Persia*, and all along been Privy  
 to all the *Sultana's* Contrivances,  
 Plots and Intrigues, and in whom  
 the *Sultana* put all her Confidence  
 and Trust.

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We have had no occasion in the First Part of the *Court Secret* to mention this Person, but having divers opportunities to bring her upon the Stage in this Second Part, it is fitting that I should give you a short Description of her: She was very handsome yet, though some few years had of late left some Traces behind them, which spoke the Relicks of a very exquisite Beauty; and her gay Humour, free Air, and Natural Amorous Disposition, did still perswade her, and not without Cause, that she had Beauty enough left to captivate the Heart even of the proudest Monarch of the World; and she had divers times tacitely within her self, wish'd that those Addresses at large which *Cha-abas* had made to the *Sultana*, had been design'd to her, who had certainly given them more favourable Receptions

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and Returns, than he might ever expect from the more vertuously strait-laced *Sultana*, not without hopes that she might thereby gratifie those Two Passions of Love and Gain, which had still so great an Ascendant over her, and which made her design within her self to make a Prize of *Cha-abas*; in which she was already confident she should not be oppos'd by the *Sultana*, who as she found her inclin'd, especially at that time would rather encourage and assist her in her Design, than thwart it in hopes that it would in part divert those Addresses which *Cha-abas* might disturb her quiet with, and which she could not tell how handsomly to avoid, considering the Obligations which both she and *Amurat* seem to have unto him.

*Cha-abas* then watching for an opportunity of entertaining *Cle* De

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rineta on that Subject, did one  
 ly day find her all alone, walking  
 ut in a private cover'd Walk in the  
 ra-Garden, where she had given an  
 ve assignation unto the *Musti Repset*,  
 eat who was one of her Favourites.  
 ch *Cha-abas* came up to her, and salu-  
 totting her; *Madam*, said he, *I may*  
 in thank my good Fortune for giving  
 me this fair opportunity of decla-  
 ring to you something of nearest  
 in concern to me, and on which depends  
 me my *Happiness* or *Misery*. This On-  
 set did so tickle *Clorineta's* Heart,  
 it expecting nothing less than a de-  
 claration of Love from that Em-  
 perour, after so fair a beginning,  
 with that she could not forbear assuring  
 now him, that whatever he should say  
 ring unto her, would be so great an  
 she Honour, as she would lose a Thou-  
 sand Lives to merit it, and that it  
 would be all her study how she  
 should answer so great a Monarch's  
*Clorineta's* Desires, with all the Humility and  
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Respect imaginable ; and at the same time she wish'd with all her Heart, within her self, that her *Musti* should forget the Assignment , or mistake the Time or Place, that his coming might not interrupt *Cha-abas* Discourses, nor create in him the least Jealousie and Suspicion. *Cha-abas*, on his part, desiring not to be interrupted neither, and for fear of being seen by the *Sultana*, who us'd to walk sometimes there, said, *Madam*, if you will honour me so far as to accompany me to yonder Pavillion, where I may more freely and more at leisure disburthen my Mind into your Bosome, you will infinitely oblige me. Any thing, *Sir*, reply'd *Clorineta*, that you shall please to command me, I shall take as a great honour to perform. With that *Cha-abas* taking of her by the Hand, lead her towards the Pavillion, which was at the

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end of the Walk, making Signs to those that had follow'd him into the Garden, and that in respect had stopp'd at some distance from *Clorineta*, that he wanted not their Company.

After *Cha-abas* had seated *Clorineta* and himself, fetching a great Sigh from the bottom of his Heart, he thus began, *This fore-runner of my Discourse, Madam, does but too much inform you of the Nature of it, without any further clearing of the business, and letting of you know, that it is Love, that All-powerful Deity, who makes me sigh in his Chains: Yet, Madam, it were in vain for me to deny or go about to conceal a Passion, which you how close soever I should resolve to shall carry it, would in despite of all my Circumspections manifest it self: I love, Madam, and—* There *Cha-abas* making a pause, as if he was afraid to discover any more



of his Passion, it gave opportunity to *Clorineta* to say, You can command, Sir, as well as love, and doubtless that your Power is as absolute in that as it is in all other things that depend on your Will and Pleasure: What is there in your Court, in your whole Empire, over which you have not that Power and Authority to command? And who would not think themselves the most happiest persons, in obeying, especially in things of this Nature? You say right, *Madam* reply'd *Cha-abas*, I can command in my Dominions my own Subjects but besides, that Love must always be free, and without force: Peradventure that the Person who makes me sigh, is not my Subject but one that I must serve with the greatest Submission and Respect that I can possibly pay to her Greatness and Illustrious Person.

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Notwithstanding that these Two last Words had been sufficient to have enlightned a less discerning person than was *Clorinda*, yet she was so puff'd up with her good Fortune, and so prepossess'd with the Opinion, that all that *Cha-abas* said, was meant to her, that she went confidently on, taking all to her self, and framing Answers suitable to her imagination, which she return'd to *Cha-abas* with such amorous Glances, such pathetick Expressions, and such passionate Zeal, that *Cha-abas* could not but take notice of it, and believing it to be as it was, and finding her worthy some consideration, he let her remain in her mistake, and resolv'd to take hold of an opportunity which offer'd it self so fairly: therefore he thus continued, *Yes, Madam, You have so many Charms, and they so powerful, that should you be my Subject,*

*ject, they were capable of rendring me your Slave. Clorineta* was going to answer, when that she perceiv'd her *Musti* coming with a round pace towards the Pavillion : The very thoughts of his approach, and discovering any Intrigue betwixt them, did so confound her, that she knew not what to say ; and to avoid all Suspensions, she remov'd her Seat something more behind the Door, to conceal her self from *Repset's* View, pretending that the Air did blow something too cold upon her, and she put the Door a little closer than it was before. But that did but serve to discover the more visibly the set Affignation which had been betwixt them ; for *Repset* who had had an Eye of her at a distance, which caus'd him to redouble his pace, made a stop at the foot of some steps that led up to the Pavillion, say-  
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ing aloud, *I have seen you, Madam, and notwithstanding the Design you had to put the Dye upon me Love, who would not let so great a Votary as I am to him, lose such an Assignment, lent me his Eyes to see you at that distance, and his Wings to fly to your——* Saying this as he was getting up, pushing the Door wide open, and perceiving *Cha-abas*, he made a full stop both to his Words and Motion. It were hard to declare which of these Three Lovers was the most surpriz'd. The *Musti* retiring, begging pardon for his Mistake, and bold Intrusion, went down Stairs again as fast as he had got up, and sneaking through little by-Allies, he retir'd to his Lodgings, with all the haste and confusion imaginable. This made *Clorineta* to pluck up her Spirits, and tell *Cha-abas*, That the *Musti* meeting of Two Persons there

which he little expected, had certainly strangely confounded him, and that doubtless it would make him lose the Assignment which he had mention'd, of all which he had so well inform'd them, except the Name of the Person. *Chabas* all the while look'd earnestly on *Clorineta*, as desirous to have been further inform'd by her Looks or Gestures, which she perceiving, for fear of saying or doing any thing that should betray her to her new Lover, she did rise, making some offer to go out, saying, that peradventure they might have another view of the *Musti*, which would inform them further. *Chabas*, who was as desirous as she, to know certainly who was the Person whom the *Musti* had not nam'd, and which he had some Jealousies was her self, by the great disorder that his coming had put her in; besides, the suspicion

picion he had entertain'd at her  
 shifting of her Seat so soon as she  
 had perceiv'd him, under pretence  
 of getting more out of the Gold  
 Air, consented to her desires, and  
 taking her by the Hand, led her  
 out, begging of her a further op-  
 portunity of discovering his Pas-  
 sion; which she, with all the mo-  
 desty she was Mistress of, endea-  
 voured to evade; and they meet-  
 ing with Company, with which  
 that Walk us'd to be fill'd at that  
 time of the day, they parted with-  
 out any further appointment or  
 Rendezvous than what Fortune  
 should present to them, as it had  
 done before. *Cha-abas* mixt him-  
 self with a Company of Ladies,  
 amongst which was one named  
*Monitenna*, who had render'd great  
 pieces of Services to *Cha-abas*,  
 during his late Distemper, and  
 to whom he had protested a  
 World of Acknowledgments and  
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of Love: She look'd on *Clorineta* with a World of Disdain, Rage and Spight, as on a person that intended to deprive her of that Love which her most assiduous Cares, and indefatigable Labours, had obtain'd from *Cha-abas*: And though she could not lay claim to any Beauty, and that she was but the Relicks of a mean Person of Birth and Estate, though of a celebrated Wit, of which she also had a great share, she thought that her Services might stand her in place of all those other things, as being more material and effectual: Wherefore from that moment, she declar'd her self, in her own Mind, a mortal Enemy unto *Clorineta*, and did her afterwards all the ill Offices that she could possible, as we shall have occasion to declare.

As for *Clorineta*, she had a Message deliver'd to her from the *Sultana*,

*tana*, which made her to retire. Though her Beauty had ( while present ) suspended *Cha-abas* Passion towards the *Sultana* for that time , he had no sooner retired from her Company, but that the *Sultana* presented her self, to his Imagination, with all those Perfections, and that Majestick Grace which always accompany her. He soon forgot, that he had told *Clorineta*, she was the Person he ador'd ; and as if nothing of that had ever been, the next time that he met with *Clorineta*, which was in the *Sultana's* presence, he took no more notice of her than if he had never seen her before , and wholly address'd himself to the *Sultana*, to whom he said abundance of very fine things, but at such a distance, that they might have been shar'd amongst the rest of the Company ; and this Visit which he had made to the *Sultana*,

na, with a design of giving her some more particular Marks of his Passion than he had ever done yet, termin'd only in inviting her to a great Ballet and Masking, which he had design'd, for to give her some diversion; though his design was to give her then, in as splendid a manner as he could possible, a Declaration of Love in Writing. She a long time pleaded her melancholly Humour, which render'd her more fit for the Conversation of Religious Women, than to participate of the Pleasures of so splendid a Court, especially in the absence of *Amurat*, who, for ought she knew, might be exposed to eminent dangers, while she should be revelling here; but those her suggestions having been over-rul'd by divers Discourses, back'd with assurances, that before all things could be fitted for so magnificent

cent an Entertainment as he intended, there would certain news come of *Amurat's* great success in *Leridan*; she at last on those Conditions yielded to lend her presence to so Noble an Assembly, where all the Chief Lords and Ladies of the *Persian* Court were generally invited.

Every body from that time began to make Preparatives to appear as splendid as they could at the Grand Ball, which was call'd *The Ball of the Royal Love*; and to get such Disguises that would keep them from the knowledge of all Persons, but those unto whom they would be known. As for *Cha-abas*, he spar'd neither Cost nor Charges to render it the most magnificent and splendid that ever was. Of truth, it was so like the Ambition of the Giver, that I cannot but find a sheet or two of Paper more than ordinary, to set down

down the Description of it in my Novel, not doubting but that the Reader will not grudge the time that he shall employ in the reading of it: But first we will give time for the preparation of all the necessary things for this great Mask, and in the mean time give me leave to entertain you with some Transactions in the *Ottoman* Empire, relating to the Historical part of my Novel.

Upon *Amurat's* deserting of his Subjects, and abandoning them to the Fury of all their Enemies, which in the Opinion of many of his Subjects, acquitted them of their Oaths of Allegiance to him; for as they said, There were mutual Oaths pass'd betwixt *Amurat* and his People at his accession to the Crown; He on his part did promise to govern them according to the Established Laws of the Land, and to maintain the *Mahometan*

*metan* Religion, and all the Laws  
 that had from time to time been  
 made for its preservation, against  
 all the Assaults and Conspiracies of  
 its sworn Enemies the *Halists*, and  
 to protect and defend his People  
 from all Forreign Usurpation and  
 Invasion; and his People on their  
 part had promis'd to obey him, as  
 their King and Governour, and to  
 pay unto him the same Allegiance  
 and Obedience, which they had  
 done to his Predecessors, on the  
 assurance that he would faithfully  
 and inviolably keep and observe  
 his Coronation Oath. I say, that  
 many of his Loyal Subjects did  
 believe, and thought in their Con-  
 sciences, that the Emperour's  
 Breach of his Oaths had dispenc'd  
 them from those which they had  
 taken to him of their Allegiance.  
 Yet there remain'd some amongst  
 them, who still were of Opini-  
 on, That though *Amurat* had  
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broke his Coronation-Oath, that did not free them from those Oaths of Allegiance to him which they had taken, saying, That his doing ill, or committing an Errour, was no warrant for them to do the same. But when it came to that pass, that the Emperour deserted them and his Kingdoms, and thereby renounc'd to the protecting and defending of them: Nay, That on the contrary, he joyn'd with the *Halists* against his own People, and applied himself to the greatest declared Enemy of the *Ottoman* Empire, and of the *Mahometan* Religion, which he had declar'd over and over, he would root out of the World; then, I say, that help'd to take off all those Scruples which had been left on their tender Consciences, and found, that what at first was but strife, who should have the  
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upper hand, of the *Halists* or *Mahometans*, in the *Ottoman* Empire, was now turn'd into a War of Religion, in which the true ancient *Mahometan* Religion, the Laws of the Land, the Liberty of the Subject were concern'd. In fine, where all lay at stake, and in which he that had sworn to be their Protector and Defender, was gone over to the greatest Enemy of all their Rights, and had solicited him against his own People; then they thought themselves absolutely freed from all Duties to him, and from all further Passive Obedience, which was so much enjoyn'd to them by the Doctrine of their Church, who commanded them to fly from Persecution in their own Land by their own Prince, into another, after that he had deserted and abandoned them to their Destruction, and joyn'd him-  
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self to the implacable Enemy of their Religion, Established by the Laws of the Nation. Then they thought that their staying at home for the Defence of their own Religion, and to oppose the threatned Usurpation and Invasi-  
*on of the Halists under Cha-abas* conduct, was the same thing as their flying from Persecution at home into another Country, now that their Head, their King, their Protector had abandon'd them to the Fury of their most barbarous and bloody Enemies ; was the same thing as flying from Persecution, had their Emperor staid to protect them.

They therefore joyntly Crowned Prince *Soliman* and the Princess *Zelinda*, as the next Heirs to the Crown, which had been forfeited to them by *Amurat's* abandoning of it ; and they took those usual Oaths which are tender'd to all the  
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Emperour's at their Coronation ; and the People acknowledg'd them to be their Lawful King and Queen, and on that account swore to them the Oaths of Obedience, Allegiance and Submission, which were usual on such occasion ; all which was confirm'd by the Grand Council of the Empire, receiv'd in all parts, and proclaim'd throughout the whole Empire , except by a small Party of *Halists*, which had been kept together in Arms in *Leridan* by *Clorinet* , after he had turn'd out from amongst them all those that profess the *Mahometan* Religion.

News by this time are come to *Ispahan* of the *Persians* Fleet safe arrival at *Leridan* , where they had discharg'd their Men and Ammunition, and where *Amurat* at his first Landing, had obtain'd a considerable Advantage over his Enemies,

Enemies, and had great hopes to  
 subdue that Kingdom, to trans-  
 port those Forces afterwards into  
 the Kingdom of *Clonstade*, where  
 there was a great Party ready to  
 receive him ; from whence, after  
 that was recover'd , he would  
 march with his Conquering Army  
 into *Albona*, and so make himself  
 once more Master of his Empire.  
 These Letters were shown to the  
*Sultana*, who not finding the same  
 Contents in *Amurat's* Letters to  
 her, nor in *Clorinet's* Letters to  
 his Wife, so clearly set down, did  
 fear giving too much Credit to  
 them ; but what with the con-  
 struing which was put on the  
*Sultana's* and *Clorineta's* Letters,  
 the *Sultana* was perswaded to be-  
 lieve all that was told her, as most  
 authentick, which made her re-  
 solve to breathe a little, and to  
 give some release unto her con-  
 tinual Sorrow, in appearing accor-  
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ding to her Grandeur and Rank at the great Mask, with all the Mirth and Jolity that her present Condition could afford her to yield.

*Cha-abas* was so strongly bent on this great Design, that one would have thought he had no other business in hand; He laid aside all other Concerns, and did resolve, happen what would, to give all the Scope and Liberty imaginable to his Amours, which made such a noise, that some of the more Sober sort of his Court did not think convenient to appear at that great Festival, at a time when the Blessing of Heaven was to have been implor'd upon their Arms against so many formidable Enemies that did encompass them round: Of truth there was not less than 157000 Men arm'd against *Persia*: There was of the *Myrgenians* 7000, of the *Abranians*



*Abravians* 10000. of the *Wasbians* 5000. under the Conduct of the most Valiant *Bassa* of *Abravia*. The *Bassa* of *Reinola* had the Command of 20000. *Myrgenians* and *Cranfonians*, 10000. *Xoniseans*, 8000. *Swibrunckians* and *Brugulneans*, and 8000. *Sehefeans*: The *Bassa* of *Grubdenbran* commanded of *Grubdenbranians* 26000. and of *Stennumians* 6000: The *Aga Kalkwad* led 50000. *Halldonians*, and there was 7000. *Pesinians*, besides the formidable Navies which threatned him by Sea. All these, I say, could not abate any thing of his Ambition, especially now that it was boy'd up, and carried on the Wings of Love. At last, his particular *Musti*, unto whom only he imparted the Secrets of his Heart, was pitch'd upon to represent to him the unseasonableness of the thing, and the great inconveniences that would attend

attend it. But he severely rebuked him for his unask'd for advice, and desired him not to trouble him with his Counsels, till he sent for him.

The *Mufti*, whose Name was *Chilase*, was but newly return'd home, not much concern'd how he had succeeded in his Admonition to *Cha-abas*, when *Repset* came to give him a Visit. They were both of the wicked Order of the *Mahometists*: They had held perpetual Correspondence by Letters with one another; all the time that the Destruction of the *Mahometan* Religion in *Albiona* had been hatching, they were very familiar together; and no Secret was hid from one another but in their Amours; there they were Two, as unanimous soever they were in all other Businesses. *Repset's* Design in that Visit was to learn, whether *Cha-abas* had said

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any thing to *Chilase* concerning the mistake which he had lately made in the Garden : He had made his Peace well enough with *Clorineta* , but he would gladly have known how the Emperour had resented it , and what his thoughts might be on that account. *Chilase* told him , That he had not spoken but once since to *Cha-abas* , who was so attentive to his great Entertainment, that then he had rebuk'd him for offering to give him some Advice about it , which he had been desired to do by some of the principal Lords of the Court : But let him go on, continued he, we shall have the satisfaction of being partakers of it. Yes , said Repset , though not in so high a measure as he designs for himself : Of truth it must be confessed , continued he , the New Object of his Love, which puts him on all this,

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has such powerful charms, that no Flesh and Blood were able to resist. You speak so feelingly of the Effects of those charms, reply'd Chilase, that I cannot but fancy you are more than ordinary interested in it. No Brother, reply'd Repset, the great number of cares that I had continually upon me, and the Nature of them, did keep me off of any such Designs, though certainly she is the finest Person in the World, the most courteous and affable to the meanest of her Subjects; and it is a thousand pities that she has an Husband who is not capable, through his infirmities, to perform towards her those Matrimonial Devours which she ought in reason to expect, and which 100000 Persons would think themselves most happy to supply her with. What pity then is it, said Chilase, that she should now be courted by another Prince as insufficient to perform to any purpose

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those amorous Offices, which in reason she might expect, were she in the least flexible to his applications? But, in my Opinion, she has not the Air, carries not that Gayety of Humour, that Briskness, which usually speaks a Person amorous. No more do many other Women, answer'd Repser, who nevertheless are all Love: I tell you, that any person that would manage that business discreetly, might obtain from her more than you think, if they did but observe to nick her reserv'd Humour, and to make no noise of it; and were I in your place, I know what I would do. Repser's Design in engaging Chilase in an Amour with the Sultana, was to divert him from looking in, and having any thoughts towards Clorineta, who had spoken, he thought, too much to Chilase's advantage, and had express'd to him a great desire to be

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more particularly acquainted with him ; besides, he had once found *Chilase* in a very close Discourse with *Clorineta* ; all which did not please him very well : wherefore he endeavour'd to create in him some Desires towards the *Sultana*, that might make a Diversion ; so that he might not hereafter thwart him in his Amours to *Clorineta*. *Chilase* swallow'd the Bait, and though he seem'd not to take much notice of what *Repset* spoke concerning the *Sultana*, he resolv'd within himself, from that moment, to push his Fortune, and try what he could do in gaining the *Sultana's* good Will by some signal Pieces of Services, though to the prejudice of his Master *Chababas* Designs.

From these Particular Discourses they fell to Generals, concerning the Grand Mask, where they could not forbear mentioning the



great Opportunities it gave to Courtship, address'd indifferently to any person, under those Disguises, and by consent to particular Men and Women, who before-hand had agreed on ways of knowing one another: That there the meanest Person in the World, for a little Money and Cost, might be admitted to hazard his Fortune with the best in the Land, if he had but Wit, Confidence and Address; *For Example, said Chilase, If you or I should have a fancy to try what those Masking Meetings termine to, how easie would it be for us to so disguise our selves as to enjoy all the pleasure and satisfaction of the whole Entertainment, and not be discover'd? To say true, answer'd Repiet; but I am so far from any such thought that I design that day to take the Air out of Town, and lye all night at a Friends House, to whom I have*

have long owed a Visit. And I,  
 said Chilase, design to take Phy-  
 sick that day; for of late I have  
 found my self indispos'd, and that  
 Day and Night I shall not need  
 to fear the trouble of impertinent  
 Visits. With these and such like  
 Discourses they ended the Day:  
 Repset took his leave, and went  
 to visit his *Clorineta*; and Chi-  
 lase fell musing on those Fancies  
 which Repset had put in his Head:  
 The more he thought on it, the  
 more it rais'd his thoughts, the more  
 bold it made him, and the more  
 desirous to attempt the thing:  
 He thought that this Masking  
 Bout was such a fair opportunity  
 to try his Fortune in, that he  
 was not to let it slip, lest he  
 should never meet with such an-  
 other. The *Sultana* represented  
 her self to his Imagination, all  
 Charming; and the very thoughts  
 of enjoying so great a Princess, so  
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lovely a Person, did almost ravish him beyond his Senses. *I will push on my Fortune*, said he to himself, *and try what I may hope or fear for the future, by the success of my first Attempt, in which my Disguise will secure me from all Dangers: And what if there were never so many Dangers, who would regard them? Who would not pass over the greatest Difficulties imaginable, to attain to so much Happiness? Well, I am resolv'd, and I will early in the Morning begin to prepare for so glorious an Enterprize.* With this Resolution he went to his Bed, though not to sleep.

Amongst those Persons which the *Sultana* admitted to her Privacy, of the *Persian* Ladies, was *Moniter na*, who was most passionately in Love with *Cha-abas*, and whose Jealous Humour had occasion'd her to seek for a particular

cular Friendship with the *Sultana* and with *Clorineta*, that she might the better pry into their Actions, and break all their measures with *Cha-abas*, who she knew had a Love for them both: She disguised the Love which she had for *Cha-abas*, under the Notion of her Duty in the Care she had taken, and still took of him in his Distemper, and of a Principle of Gratitude towards him for so many Favours and great Advantages which she had receiv'd: And she did endeavour by all manner of means, so to oblige them both, that they were forc'd to receive her into their particular Favour, even in Gratitude. That sight which she had had of the Emperour with *Clorineta*, stuck by her; and she apprehended more danger that way, than from the *Sultana*, whom she perceiv'd had not yet any inclinati-

ons for *Cha-abas*, while the other did nothing else all day long, but extol him to the very Skyes, and express'd the great desires she had of carrying on that first Interview which she had had with him, into a perfect Amorous Intrigue. Mean time, *Monitenna* plaid so well the part of an unconcern'd person, still extolling his Liberality and Gallantry, that *Clorineta*, who was of a very free and open Disposition, made her her Confident in her amorous Designs. *Repset* still follow'd close his Game with *Clorineta*, and being desirous to partake of the Mask and Ball, he propos'd it to her, and they both agreed in what Disguises they should be, not to be known but by them Two only; at least, *Repset* was not to be known; but as to *Clorineta*, she was to be known by the *Sultana*, who was to know her

her also, designing also to make  
 her self known to the Empe-  
 rour by some private Mark.  
 The Cause of her easie yielding  
 to *Repset's* Desires, was because  
 she knew him to be violent;  
 and that if she should offer to  
 oppose him in that which she  
 believ'd was put on by some Je-  
 lousie which he had entertain'd of  
*Cha-abas* ever since he had found  
 them together, though she had  
 endeavour'd by all means imagi-  
 nable to let him know there was  
 nothing less than Love in the  
 Case, and that it was a meer acci-  
 dental Rencounter, and that all  
 the Discourse they had was on the  
*Sultana's* Beauty, with which  
*Cha-abas* seem'd to be exceeding-  
 ly captivated: She fear'd that it  
 might carry him to do some extra-  
 vagant thing, which might re-  
 dound to her prejudice; but with-  
 all, she resolv'd to put the Change  
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upon him, and to dress one of her Women in those Disguises which she had design'd for her self, and put on others, which should not be known but by the *Sultana* and *Monitenna*.

*Chilase* in the mean time had by the Vertue of Gold (a thing with which the *Persians* use to work Miracles), got the knowledge of the *Sultana's* Disguise; so that he was in all Points ready for the Mask. *Monitenna*, who had from *Cha-abas* himself, how he was to appear, and who had inform'd him in what Dress the *Sultana* was to be, as also of the first Dress which *Clorineta* had pitch'd upon, had no more to do, but to fit her self with all the means imaginable to do all the Mischief she could possible, and to create a Confusion amongst these Lovers.

At last the Day came in whose following Night the Ball was to begin: There never was a more splendid appearance; There was nothing to be seen but *Tissu's*, Cloaths of Gold and Silver, Embroideries with Pearls and precious Stones, and whole Rocks of Diamonds, which, with the light of a Thousand White Wax Tapers, plac'd in Silver and Chrystal Candlesticks and Sconces, did produce a light more piercing than that of the Sun in its full *Meridian*, contracted within the limits of a most spacious Hall.

The Maskers being all enter'd, and after some Dances having taken their Seats at the upper end of the Hall, there were heard in the Air most admirable Consorts of Musick, of Voices, of Flutes, and of other Instruments, answering one another, and sometimes all together, singing all in the  
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praise of Love. During these Harmonies, which charm'd not less the Ears than the Maskers did the Eyes. There appear'd towards the middle of the Hall, like a Flock of flying Hearts, of all sorts and Sizes, fluttering in the Air, to which presently came flying a little *Cupid* with his Bow and Arrows, shooting at the whole Flock still as he flew, with little Silver Shafts. At last he shot the biggest of all the Hearts that were in the whole Flock, which tumbling down on the Floor, transpierced with the Shaft, and bleeding, the little *Cupid* made after it with all the Wing he had, and lighting on the Ground, seiz'd on the Heart, with which he began to play Childish Tricks. At last he looks round on all the Ladies, as if designing to bestow it on one of them; He walks round, and not knowing to whom to deli-

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ver it, he falls a crying, lays himself down by the Heart, pushes it from him, kicks it, still lying; and plays a Thousand little Apish Tricks with it, pouting, and seeming very sullen. As he was toying thus, comes, as from out of the Hangings, which represented whole Figures to the Life, a *Venus* and the Three Graces. They come up to *Cupid*, who perceiving them, takes the Heart, and hugs it in his Arms, as afraid they should take it from him: *Venus* begs it of him, he kicks at her; she offers to take it, he defends it; the Graces assist *Venus* in the getting of it from him; he scrambles with them, kicks one, pinches another, scratches a Third, spits at the Fourth; and finding that they were too many for him, he on the sudden having secur'd the Heart betwixt his Thighs, catches up his Bow, and pulls out an Ar-

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row to shoot, at which they all run away and left him ; he laugh'd at them, laid himself down again, and began to fool as before ; presently after comes out as from another part of the Hanging, *Old Time* with his Wings and his Scythe, leading in one Hand *Fortune* with a Vail over her Eyes, a Sail in her Hand, a Wheel on her Head, and in the Name of it a Golden Ball, and in the other Hand *Fame*, with her Two Trumpets, her Gown all over bestrew'd with Ears and Eyes. They come up to *Cupid* ; he seems pleas'd with them, but still secures the Heart ; He plays with the Feathers of *Times* Wings, gives *Fortune* a blow, then hides himself behind *Time* and *Fame* ; while she gropes after him, he gets one of *Fame's* Trumpets, and blows in it : They let him play so with them, till he gets into a good Humour, which *Time* perceiving,

ceiving, he leads him by the Hand towards the Ladies: *Cupid* seems bashful at first; at last takes a round, and after divers offers to several Ladies, he lays it in the *Sultana's* lap, and presently flies away, *Time, Fortune* and *Fame* being gone before.

This Heart was no sooner laid in the *Sultana's* lap, but that she was surpriz'd to see it open, fall in pieces, and discover it self to be within side a whole Cluster of Diamonds and Pearls, in the midst of which was a Paper neatly folded, which she had a great mind to open, and to see what it contain'd; but she was unwilling to gratifie her Desires at that time, because that all the rest of the Maskers had their Eyes fixed upon her: However, her Curiosity was so great, that she could not forbear turning up one Corner of it, in which having read the Word  
*Love,*



*Love*, she secretly convey'd it in-  
 to her Pocket, together with the  
 Heart, and took no further notice.  
 By this time a large Table fill'd  
 with all manner of Delicacies,  
 sprung up as out of the Floor, with  
 Seats round it; and out of the  
 Hangings round, came out divers  
 Servants with Bottles of all sorts  
 of Liquors, and Glasses, which  
 were supply'd by others, which  
 appear'd but half in and half out  
 of the said Hangings, still shifting  
 of Glasses after they had once  
 been us'd. The Maskers did all  
 rise, went and seated themselves  
 round the Table, and took of what  
 they lik'd best, with which some  
 stor'd their Pockets, others their  
 Handkerchiefs, which they carri-  
 ed after on the Stools on which  
 they were seated before; after  
 which the Table and Chairs dis-  
 appeared again. The *Comforts*  
 ceas'd, and the Four and Twenty  
 Violins

Violins struck up some Tunes, to invite the Maskers to dance ; after they had danced so long as it was thought convenient, there appear'd other Maskers, no body knowing how they came in, who danc'd divers Sarabands, and other Antick Dances, very pleasant and diverting. Which ended, and the Dancers retired, then did all the Maskers promiscuously mix together, and every one apply'd himself as his Fancy led him.

It was then that *Cha-abas* took the opportunity of addressing himself to the *Sultana* ; and under his Disguises did take a greater liberty than he durst have done at another time, of mentioning his Love to her ; each moment seeming very tedious unto *Chilase*, who was watching at a distance for the time that *Cha-abas* would give the *Sultana* some respite, that he might tell her what he had to say. *Clo-*

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*rineta* was not less impatient on the other hand, and thought it long before the *Sultana* dismiss'd the Emperour, as she had promised her to do, that she might have the opportunity of entertaining him in her turn. Mean time *Repet* was plying his time tooth and nail in his Courtship to *Clorineta's* Woman, thinking her to be the Mistress, with no other Design than to hinder a Commerce betwixt *Cha-abas* and *Clorineta*. While all the Maskers were thus busie in entertaining one another, and sometimes shifting from one another, either for the sake of meer change, or to meet with some particular Person that they had a mind to entertain, to find out some other that answer'd more home to their Propositions, or to take breath when they had spoken all they had to say. The jealous *Monitenna* was observing all the passages

passages betwixt those Persons with  
 which she was concern'd, she saw  
 how that so soon as the *Sultana*  
 had shifted from *Cha-abas*, *Clorinet*  
*eta* had supply'd her room, in  
 passing opportunely by just in the  
 nick, which had made the Empe-  
 rour to detain her, and try her  
 Wit. It troubled her not a little  
 to see that her long detaining of  
*Cha-abas*, had made him once or  
 twice offer at a Change, which in  
 Civility is always left to the Wo-  
 mans choice, and how still she  
 had ingag'd him a-new, and held  
 him fast by the hand, that he  
 might not go from her, till she  
 had emptied her mind; she per-  
 ceiv'd how that the *Musti Chilase*  
 had done the same with the *Sul-*  
*tana*, and how hot he was upon  
 his Design. At last she had the  
 satisfaction to see *Clorineta* let go  
*Cha-abas* hand; but that satisfa-  
 ction was dash'd again, by a pri-  
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vate Whisper which she saw *Cha-abas* give her, and how that he then took the opportunity of kissing her neck. Those were so many points of Daggers in poor *Monitenna's* Heart, which hasten'd her the more to put in execution that Revenge which she had design'd.

*Cha-abas* being thus disingag'd of *Monitenna's* long Conversation, sought after none but the *Sultana*, to whom he thought he had given sufficient time to recollect, and fit her self for a second Charge; but perceiving a Person very earnest with her, he was so discreet, as to entertain himself with the next Lady he met near her, till he should find the place empty, which our amorous *Mufti Chilase* did still possess. *Monitenna* being ready to play her Game, step'd aside to *Repset*, and whisper'd him in the Ear, that he was mistaken,  
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and that *Cha-abas* had been entertaining *Clorineta* all that while, who he had but just now quitted, and that if he would follow her, she would bring him to her. *Repset*, who had two or three times been surpris'd at the Discourses of the Woman which he entertain'd, and at her unwillingness to speak, but when oblig'd to give an Answer, though she would sometimes speak pretty pertinently, as knowing her Lady's Intrigues with *Repset*, did believe the Intelligence which had been given him to be real, and so follow'd *Monitenna*, who brought him to *Clorineta*. Where he fell a fuming and fretting against her, for having put the Change upon him, which she excus'd as well as she could, telling him moreover, that that was not a time to clear doubts in, and that she would give him full satisfaction after the Ball; mean



mean time she was in a peck of troubles to get to the Assignation which *Cha-abas* had given her presently after the Ball, she thought that he would not let his Eye go off of her, and that if she should offer to speak to *Cha-abas* to put off the Assignation to another time, for some important Reasons, that would but exasperate *Repset* the more, so that she did not know what to do, but was wishing for some sudden disorder, or accident which might give her the opportunity of stealing away; when that *Monitenna* having deliver'd a Note to the Emperour, which intimated, that his two late Mistresses were both entertain'd at that very moment by two *Musti's*, whose Names she conceal'd, and at the same time having given the two *Musti's* Notes, which gave them notice, that they were discover'd, and that

that a Friend of theirs had provided them a Coach, to make their escape, to which they should be guided. Both the *Musties* still unknown to one another, broke off abruptly their Courtship, and with all the haste they could possibly, made towards the door of the Hall, they were met there with two Persons whom *Montenna* had posted on purpose, who told them, taking them aside into a little Room, that they had Orders to let no body go by without they first deposited their Disguise, that there being some Jewels lost in the Company, it was suspected that some Rogues or other had taken this opportunity of pilfering something in so great an Assembly. The two *Musties*, half dead at these News, offer'd to be search'd, and would have given all the money they had about them, so they would but

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let them go in their Disguises, protesting of their innocence; to which the two men answer'd according to their Qew, that they believ'd them far from the Theft by their free offering to be searcht, but because that it was the Emperour's particular Order, and that it would be as much as their lives were worth to transgress it, they plainly told them, that they could not answer their desires: Thus were the two *Musties* forc'd to uncase, fearing a worse disaster, should they stay any longer. But how great was their surprize, when they knew one another, how they star'd, how their Countenances chang'd, and with what confusion they were seiz'd, there was no time to lose, they desired to be conducted to the Coach, which was accordingly done. They both got into the Hackney Coach in the dark, the Coachman asked where they

they would go ; they made Answer, towards their Lodgings, and told him where they were, they being not far from one another. When they were got out of the crowd and confusion of Coaches and Lights that were waiting about that part of the Court ; The one said to the other, *Is this your Physick that you would take ? And is this your Country-journey ?* reply'd the other. *Well,* said Rep-set, *I have some Reasons for what I have done. And I also,* reply'd Chilase ; *wherefore it will be best for us to wave any further Discourse for the present ; we are near our Lodgings,* continu'd he, *let us go to rest, and to morrow, if you please, about twelve, we will confer Notes, in my Chamber, and endeavour to find out how we have been betray'd, and what Cha-abas thoughts are of us.* With that they took leave of one another, and retired each to

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their Apartment. Where we will leave them, to return to our Maskers.

*Cha-abas*, upon the Information, going to give Orders for the private securing of the two *Musties* without noise, pass'd by *Clorineta*, who taking him by the Hand, being over-joy'd that *Repset* was gone, said, that the hour of the Assignment drew near; *I will but stop to give some Orders*, said he, *and I am yours*. With that he went from her, she was presently supply'd with some other, as well as was the *Sultana*, who not knowing of the Discovery which had been made, was wondring at her Gallant's sudden departure, after so many protestations of Love, which he had made her, tho' he would never let her know who he was, notwithstanding that she had press'd him much to it; she had made him very fair returns to  
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all his protestations, and had given him an Assignment the next Evening in a certain Walk of the Garden, where he had assur'd her he would not fail to be, tho' she design'd to put the Change upon him, in sending *Clorineta* in her room, and she did long till the hour came, that she might learn the success of the Cheat. *Cha-abas* being return'd, and the Company growing weary, the Ball broke up, the sooner too, that he might meet his Mistress at the Rendezvous. *Clorineta* presently slipped out of the way, for fear the *Sultana* should take her home with her, and so disappoint the Emperor; the earnest haste which *Clorineta* made, and the apprehensions which she discover'd at her going off, for fear the *Sultana* should see her, gave farther suspicions to *Monitennus*, that it was an Assignment betwixt the Empe-



rour and *Clorineta*. She therefore follow'd her close, and bid one of those Persons, which she had employ'd before about the *Mufties*, to dodge that Person, and to bring her word in the *Sultana's* Coach where she was gone; she presently return'd to the *Sultana*, who knew her, that ask'd her what was become of *Clorineta*, she told her that she knew not. 'Tis no matter, now I have you to keep me company home, reply'd the *Sultana*, it may be she will be at home before us. How shall we get home unknown? I wish we had a *Haackney* Coach, continu'd the *Sultana*. Your own will do as well, Madam, reply'd *Monitenna*; for no body will imagine that you would make use of it your self. With the like Discourses, they got to the *Sultana's* Coach, which they caus'd to drive a little out of the Crowd; by this time the Person that *Monitenna* had sent,

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was return'd, who having told her that *Clorineta* was in such a certain place walking all alone, the *Sultana* propos'd going there to take her up, wondring what she should do in such a retired place by her self. They had much to do to disingage themselves from the confusion and concourse of people; they were so long about it, that when they were come to the place of *Clorineta's* Rendez-vous with *Cha-abas*, they found them both together. This was according to *Monitenna's* Heart's desire: She made no question, but that that Object would create strange Jealousies in the *Sultana's* Mind, if she had but one grain of Love; and of truth she could not forbear giving some touches of her resentments both to *Cha-abas*, and to *Clorineta*. She told him, that he had not deceiv'd her in her expectations; That she had set no

greater value on his Protestations than she now did see them to amount unto, and that she look'd on all that he had said as Words spoken in the Air.

She spoke to *Cha-abas* all the while, as if they knew not one another, and serv'd *Clorineta* in the same manner. But after all, she left *Cha-abas* and *Clorineta* together, and retir'd with *Monitenna* to her Coach, which was in the Street, not permitting either of them to stir one step after her, which was no small Affliction to *Monitenna*, who by that saw herself frustrate of the Design which she had of disappointing them. They staid not long after; They reflected a little on the Discovery, and how they had been surpriz'd; They fram'd some specious pretences, as that it was to desire *Clorineta* to sollicite the *Sultana* in *Cha-abas* behalf, and to inform him,

him, how his Declaration of Love had been receiv'd and resent'd; all which he had not had time to do, by reason of the sudden breaking up of the Ball. Of truth it had lasted longer, but that the Company perceiving the Emperour, who was very well known, to go out so hastily, they thought that it was in order to retire, which gave the occasion of breaking up some time sooner than otherwise might have been expected. After this they parted, that by *Clorineta's* sudden return home after the *Sultana*, it might take off all occasion of suspicion; and *Cha-abas* retir'd, to give a full swing unto his Amorous Thoughts.

*Monitenna* was very well pleas'd at *Clorineta's* coming Home so soon after them, and gather'd from it, that no Action had past between the Emperour and her Rival; and when that *Clorineta* assur'd

sur'd the *Sultana*, whom she rallied on the Assignment, that there was no other Design in it, but for *Chaabas* to gain her to be his Solicitor in his Amours towards the *Sultana*, and to be inform'd by her how his Declaration of Love had been receiv'd by her, she found her self quite at ease on that side. The *Sultana* said to *Clorineta*, That she had perceiv'd a Paper which was conceal'd in that Heart which had been given her by the little *Cupid*, but that she had not had the Curiosity yet to see what it contain'd; with that, taking out of her Pocket both the Heart and the folded Paper, after they had admired the Richness and neat Contrivance of the Heart, the *Sultana* gave the Paper to *Clorineta* to read. That Freeness did abundantly speak the great Confidence which the *Sultana* repos'd in *Clorineta*, and in *Monitennia*

*nitenna* also ; for in such Cases but few Women will admit of Communication ; but such was the *Sultana's* Love to *Clorineta*, and indifferency for all men but *Amurat*, that she set no Value upon any thing else. This is what was writ in that Paper :

**I***F my Abilities did answer but in some measure the Ambition of my Will and Desires, Divine Princess, I should e're now have laid the whole World at your Feet; Not that I could be so vain as to imagine it worth your consideration; for many Worlds would not suffice to make a Present proportionable to your Grandeur; but as that which could approach next to my Heart, the nearest to your Merits, though still at a vast distance. Yet divers Worlds are wrapt up in the aspiring Desires of that Heart which I humbly present you, with*  
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all that it has already perform'd, and what it shall be capable of achieving hereafter, to render it, most charming Princess, the more acceptable. Let this Emblem of it represent its firmness and constancy in the Resolution of being eternally yours, as well as its Riches and Purity in Love. Yes, Madam, it is so full of that Divine Flame, which your charms have kindled, that being met of so yielding a Nature as to melt, it has burst in sunder, permit that Balm which perpetually flows from your Lips, to prevent the same effect in the Original, and give leave to that breath with which you perfume the Arabian Spices, and give Life to all things, to refresh its Ardors, yield a favourable Reception, adorable Sultana, to an Heart replenish'd with the most passionate Desires imaginable of serving you, and entertain as yours, that which is all Love for you, and  
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that can never find rest nor satisfaction till it has even out-run your very desires in its performance, which no Mortal can do with such a zealous Love as your Slave,

Cha-abas.

So soon as *Clorineta* had read this, the *Sultana* said, This is so like the Humour of him that writ it, that any person might easily have guess'd at the Author, tho his Name had not been to it; and really all that he has said to me, was very much of the same Nature: How he has had information to find me out from amongst so great a crowd I know not, tho I would gladly be satisfied in it: It was ill done, and so much against my intentions, that I am troubled for having confided in persons that have betray'd me. *Momotenna* made great protestations of her Innocency, and *Clorineta* made

made answer, *Who should betray you but your self, Madam? Who, I betray my self,* reply'd the Sultana? after I had taken such cautious measures, after I had had other Apparels made in private that very Day, when you your self knew nothing of my Designs but some few hours before. You are making out what I was saying, Madam, That nothing but your self could discover you to the Emperor: For how is it possible to conceal that Greatness, that Majestick Air, and that agreeableness with which you adorn all your Actions, and attract the Eyes as well as the Hearts of all companies. It can no more be hid than the Sun's Beams in its full lustre. You need to have been seen but once to be known again, and distinguish'd from all the rest of the World, Madam, tho you had shrowded you self under all the Disguises that Art could produce. A-  
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way with those gross Flatteries, an-  
 swer'd the Sultana, you know I hate  
 them; Monitenna, I dare say, is  
 not of your Opinion, and does rather  
 believe that some of my Servants,  
 or some of the Dressers has been  
 won by Gold to betray me. Madam,  
 reply'd Monitenna, tho' I cannot de-  
 ny but that which Clorineta has said  
 is true, to which I could add a  
 great deal more, and sufficient to  
 have made a Discovery of your Per-  
 son against your Will and Intenti-  
 ons, yet I verily believe that you  
 have been betray'd, and that I  
 could detect the Person through  
 which the Discovery has been made.  
 Pray oblige me so much, reply'd  
 the Sultana, that I may punish  
 them accordingly: for I will never  
 endure such near my Person. To  
 take all suspicions from off my self,  
 Madam, I am the more earnest to  
 tell you, that Yesterday Morning I  
 perceiv'd one of those Gentlemen  
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which Cha-abas uses to employ in secret Messages and Intrigues, very earnest in Discourse with one of the Tailor's Servants, in the passage that leads to the place appointed for their Workroom, where I did see him give the Fellow Money for something which he had convey'd into his hand. The Gentleman had certainly known me, but that the Passage being something dark, and I turning my Face towards the Wall as I pass'd by, I took from him the opportunity of so doing. If this be examined into, Madam, continued she, you will find that, or something worse at the bottom; for those Persons are never employ'd by Cha-abas but on some Amorous Intrigue, and every day in charge of Habets. I am satisfy'd, reply'd the Sultana, and believe it to be so; and since it is none of my own Servants that has been prevail'd with, I'll trouble my self no further about it; all

my Care shall be wholly to avoid all opportunities of giving Cha-abas any conveniency of disturbing the quiet of my Mind, either in his own Person, or by the Mediation of any of his Mercuries; For tho I cannot be so rude as not to receive with a great deal of Respect, his Addresses, yet I shall not afford them such Returns as he may expect; for besides, that I never had any inclinations towards the carrying on of Amorous Intrigues; the present condition of our Affairs will not permit me to yield all the complaisance that I might otherwise have afforded in meer Diversion; and since I find that Cha-abas looks two ways at once, and that at the same time he makes his Addresses to you, Clorinda, I assure you, that you shall find me the most obliging Rival that ever was, and that I will forward your good Fortune as much as I can possible; only I will take the opportunity



nity of his Addresses to us both, to make some Diversion, and to create some little Mirth amongst our selves. By this time the Sultana being quite undress'd, she went to her Bed, and presently after *Clorineta* and *Monitenna* did the like.

*Clorineta* was no sooner retir'd, but that she gave a full Scope to all her Thoughts; She reflected on all that *Cha-abas* had told her, on the Assignment he had given her, and on that which he had made her promise to give him; all which clearly shew'd, that he perfectly knew her, and on that great Condescension which the Sultana had promis'd to her Amours; from all which she promis'd to her self a World of Satisfaction and Content, which made her wish a Thousand times, that she had not been enter'd so far into a Commerce of Gallantry with the *Mufti Repset*, as there was already

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establifh'd between them, but which ſhe would break off by degrees, as well and as ſoon as the Subject would afford, without making any noiſe.

*Monitenna*, on the other hand, was infinitely well pleas'd with the *Sultana's* generous Reſolutions, but was highly nettled at *Clorineta's* Pretenſions and Deſigns, which ſhe reſolv'd to thwart with the utmoſt of her Skill, not without affording at the ſame time ſome ſignal Diverſion to the *Sultana* at both the *Muſties* Coſts as well as *Clorineta*, to which purpoſe ſhe reſolv'd to watch them very narrowly Day and Night.

As to *Cha-abas*, his Thoughts were divided betwixt the *Sultana* and *Clorineta*; the firſt did infinitely pleaſe and agree with his ambitious Mind, but the laſt did promiſe a more ready compliance, and even an Enjoyment without  
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much loss of time about fruitless Courtship. He was for possessing the one, and not let go the other. The one was with her readiness to supply his present wants, while he should employ such a length of time as were requisite to dispose a Person of the Rank and Quality, as the other was, to hearken to his desires. Thus, in the Design of giving the *Sultana* a Visit so soon as it should be convenient, to learn how she resented his Declaration of Love, and in hopes of being not long without receiving an Assignment from *Clorineta*, he settled himself to sleep.

The *Musti Repset* found himself very uneasy at the change which he believ'd *Clorineta* had put upon him, he verily believ'd with design to give *Cha-abas* an opportunity of Courting her; he was resolv'd to examine her strictly

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about it, and to sift the business to the bottom, and find out the Mystery through *Clorineta's* Maids assistance. As for his clearing himself towards his Companion *Chilase*, having found him as deep in as he was himself, he troubled not much himself about that, and he did rather tend to disclose his Amours and Intrigues to *Chilase*, than to make a Secret of them, if he found him in a Communicative humour.

*Chilase* was much more concern'd, his thoughts were at once agitated with divers things, amongst which, *Chaabas* knowledge of his having been at the Masking, did not the least trouble him, especially if he had also been inform'd of his Addresses to the *Sultana*, he wish'd a thousand times he had but some knowledge of the Person that had discover'd him, that he might take his measures

fures accordingly ; as to the rest,  
 he was so pleas'd with the cour-  
 teous Answers which he had re-  
 ceiv'd from the *Sultana* to all his  
 Courtship, that he was impatient  
 to proceed, and to give her that  
 further account of his Person,  
 which he had promis'd her to do,  
 according to her own desires. As  
 to *Repset's* knowledge of his ha-  
 ving been at the Mask, he was  
 much of the same opinion with  
 his Fellow *Mufti*, with a resolution  
 of informing himself better the  
 next day, and of clearing all doubts  
 and suspicions, he endeavour'd  
 to sleep ; but his Fancy was too  
 much elevated with the thoughts  
 of his success in his Addresses to  
 the *Sultana*, to let him take any  
 rest.

While we leave all our Lovers  
 contriving which way is best to  
 bring about their Designs, and  
 of compassing of their ends, it will

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not be amiss to give the Reader a further account of the proceedings of Affairs in the *Ottoman* Empire.

*Amurat* had had the good Fortune to miss the *Ottoman* Fleet, which lay wait for him, and to land that Ammunition and Men he had both of *Persians* and *Ottomans*, which had gone into *Persia*, and offer'd their Service to him, amongst which but very few, or none at all of the *Mahometan* Religion.

*Amurat* found soon after his Landing, that he was no longer Emperour over *Leridan*, for presently the *Persian* Council began to give him Directions in whatsoever he was to do, insomuch that he found he had not so much Power left him, as the meanest Officer in the Army, tho' nothing was yet acted but under his Name and by his supposed Orders. The first thing, was to turn out of the Council all those of the *Mahometan* Religion, which



which had till then sat in that Council, and had stuck stedfast unto *Amurat's* Interest; the *Persians* declaring, That they could not joyn in Council with any but the *Halists*. This was follow'd presently with turning out of their Governments and Places of Trust all the *Athians* and *Leridonians*, of what perswasion soever, and to fill up their places with such *Persian* Officers, as *Cha-abas* had sent over to that purpose; and tho' *Amurat* did intercede in the behalf of some, who had rendred signal pieces of Service, as their Fathers had done before, both to his Father, Brother, and to Himself, all was over-rul'd by *Cha-abas* absolute Command, and the necessity of Affairs requiring it to be so: All this one would have thought had been sufficient to have open'd *Amurat's* Eyes; but he suffer'd besides all that a world of  
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indignities, and was so infatuated with the *Persians* flattering Tongues, that he was not backward (as he had Orders to do) to represent on all occasions in publick the great Love and Care that *Cha-abas* had for him, and what he had done, and what he would daily do to restore him to his Throne, and to establish the *Halist's* Religion throughout all his Dominions; at which, while the *Persians* laught in their sleeves, *Amurat's* poor dejected Subjects could not but wonder, and with their sighs, tears, and groans, pity their Emperour's blindness, and bemoan their own miserable and desperate condition, I mean amongst them that had not hearts or opportunities to take up Arms, in their own defence, against so visible an Usurpation of the *Persian* Prince, who was bringing them into the same slavery, as his own

Subjects were. But others that had Courage enough to expect a good success from their Arms, and the Justice of their Cause, being clearly convinc'd, that the War they were going to make through their opposition of the *Persians*, was directly against the designs of *Cha-abas*, in which their late Emperour had no Concern at all. They took up Arms, gather'd together, made themselves Masters of some strong Holds, which they fortified, got in Provisions against a Siege, and declar'd one and all, that they would stand by one another, to the last drop of their blood.

The little or no resistance which *Amurat* had found at his Landing, and some time after, did so raise the Hearts of all the *Halists* in all his Dominions, that the Fortrefs of *Blunid* in the Kingdom of *Clanstade*, whose Governour had required  
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time to deliver it up, did utterly refuse to perform his promise; on the contrary, being in hopes of some Relief, he fortify'd himself in it, and bid defiance unto the Senate of that Kingdom, declaring, That he would never part with it, but to *Amurat*, who had plac'd him in there, and for whom he would preserve it to the last extremity; and divers *Halists* did arm themselves secretly, and did associate together in small Troops, in hopes of being reforc'd by *Amurat* from *Leridan*, so soon as he should have reduc'd that Kingdom, which they expected he would do in a very short time. News were also sent over into *Albania*, that *Amurat*, with some of his Friends *Halist*, and a numerous Army of *Persians* was landed in *Leridan*, had subdued his Enemies, recover'd that Kingdom, banish'd from thence all *Ma-*

*hometans*, and was going with all expedition to do the like in the Kingdom of *Clonstad*, from whence he would march to them with a Triumphant Army, and restore all his Friends the *Halists* to their Estates and Employs, destroy wholly the *Mahometan* Religion, banish all its Abettors, and establish there the Religion of *Hali*: they went so far as to prefix a time for *Amurat's* Return, and in all their Discourses, their Actions, and in their very Looks, they express'd as much confidence and assurance as could be imagin'd, that all this would infallibly come to pass.

Mean time the Grand Senate of the Empire was continually in Consultation how to secure the *Mahometan* Religion, the Laws of the Land, the Liberty of the Subject, and the whole Empire from the *Persians* Usurpation, and all the

the Conspiracies of the *Halists*; they order'd, amongst other things, that all *Halists* should depart at ten miles distance from the Metropolis of the Empire, but they were so puff'd up with the expectations of their sudden deliverance, that they minded it not, and but very few, and them of the most timid amongst them, did observe those Orders. On the other hand, the Confederate Princes, against *Cha-abar* unsufferable Pride and Ambition, did daily gain Victories against his Forces, who were forc'd to retreat, and abandon all that they had taken against their former Treaties and Engagements, but it was not without using all the Violences and Cruelties imaginable, there was nothing to be seen but Fires, Ruines, Desolations, Rapes, Thefts, and Murders in all places that they quitted, not so much as spa-



ring of Mosques, nor the Palaces of Princes, and other publick Buildings, which amongst all Nations were ever preserv'd between the most implacable and inveterate Enemies.

Moreover, *Cha-abas* call'd the Heathens to come and make diversions with their Arms in the Territories of the Confederate Princes, assuring them, that they might do what they pleas'd against them, whilst he would buy off their other Enemies, and with his whole Power keep them in play towards his Frontiers. Thus did that great Pretender of the Extirpation of Heresies, and of the setting up of *Hali's* Religion, cause the sworn Enemies of the true *Mahometan* Religion, to destroy with Fire and Sword those who profess his own Religion, which plainly shew'd that Religion was only a Pretence he made use of, to usurp the Rights

Rights of others, and to render himself absolute Monarch over all that part of the World; a thing which he had long since design'd, and divers times attempted, and for which now all those Confederate Princes of his own Religion, and others of the *Mahometan* Religion had unanimously agreed to call him to an account, not doubting but that the Great *Ala*, who knew all his Treacheries, and perfidious Dealings, and Usurpations would bless their Arms and Undertakings, in so just a Cause, against that common Enemy.

Things were in this posture, when that *Cha-abas* having permitted Love for a time to triumph over his insatiated Ambition, was laying close Siege unto the *Sultana's* Chastity. He dress'd himself with all the advantages that he could possible, to please her Eye; he fram'd the most pathetick Speeches

that he could invent, to charm her Ears ; he made her the richest Presents that he could possible do, to please her Pride and Ambition, and he express'd as great Passions and transports of Love, to gain some returns of the same Nature from her. He sent one of those Mercuries, which I have mention'd, to know of the *Sultana*, when he should have the Honour to wait on her, and receive her Commands, and at the same time privately to convey into *Clorinda's* Hands a little Note, in which he express'd the continuation, or rather increase of his Passion, and put her in mind of the Assignment which she had promis'd to make him. This Messenger was receiv'd by the *Sultana* with that courteous and affable disposition with which she charm'd all Persons that approach'd her Presence, and bid him tell the Emperour,

perour, that no Laws were to be prescrib'd him in his own Empire, where it was but too much honour for every one to obey especially, by a poor dejected Princess, who had refug'd her self under the Wings of his generous Protection, but that she should be better disposed and more fitted to receive so great an honour, with that respect which she ought to shew to so great and glorious a Monarch, about the Evening, if he pleas'd to do her so great an honour, and so dismiss'd the Messenger with Civility; who, having finish'd his business in publick with the *Sultana*, made a Complement to *Clo-rineta*, who had been present at the delivery of his Message to the *Sultana*, and who had remain'd behind, when the *Sultana* had retired, to know whether *Cha-abas* had retain'd any thoughts of her. The Mercury soon found an op-

portunity of secretly conveying the amorous Note into *Clorineta's* hand, who greedily receiving it, told him, that she would take the first opportunity that she could possible to read privately the Contents, and that according as it required, she would send an Answer by an exprefs Messenger. With that the Messenger went his ways, as having finished the business he was came about, and returned to give *Cha-abas* an account of his Embassy.

*Monitenna* with a Rival's look, than whose Eyes none are more piercing, had observ'd the delivery of the Note, the earnestness with which *Clorineta* had seisd it, and the care with which she had conveyed it into her Bosom, all this increas'd her rage and whetted her revcnge; she did not abandon her Rival one moment all that Day, endear'd her



her self as much as she could possible to her, and seeing her in a pensive humour, ask'd her what she ailed, and whether she could assist her in any thing, and do her service? Yes, answer'd *Clorineta*, and my dear *Monitenna*, you may save my Life, or let me loose it, I am in such a condition that I want the assistance of such a friend as you are to help me out of it by your good Counsels and Directions. Let us get in some private place, my Dear, added she, while the *Sultana* is retir'd, according to her daily custom about this time, and there I'll lay open my Heart to thee, in hopes that thou wilt be my faithful Friend and Counsellor; with that taking *Monitenna* by the hand, she led her into her own Apartment.

When they were got privately together, here said *Clorineta*, giving the Note to *Monitenna*, read what



what the Emperor has writ to me, with that *Monitenna* opening the Paper, read in it as follows,

**I** Hope that envious Demon of my happiness, which guided the Sultana to disturb our Assignment, will not be so malicious as to give us new cause of Complaint. I shall pay the Sultana a visit this Evening, if you can prefix a time for that happy moment, and convey to me your designs in Writing, I shall be as obedient und diligent in the performance of your Commands, as I am impatient of all delays, defer no longer, giving me some new Assurances of your condescension unto the most passionate desires of him who dies for love of you.

What do you think of this? said *Clorineta*, so soon as *Monitenna* had made an end of reading, I think, *Madam*, that there are no Instructions to be given you upon this, he has spoken so plain. 'Tis true,

true, reply'd *Clorineta*, but yet there is something that infinitely disturbs my mind. What can disturb the mind of a Person who sees her self belov'd passionately, belov'd by the greatest Monarch in the World, reply'd *Monitena*; those who he abandons, who he Sacrifices to you, may have cause to complain, but for you, upon whom his love flows beyond bounds or measures——Then *Clorineta* interrump'd her saying; From thence flows my misery also, for on the one hand, I must wrong the best Princess in the World, to whom he also makes his Court at the same time; if I keep the knowledge of it from her, and if I let her know it, I shall incurr her hatred, and his displeasure in betraying him to her. But besides all this, I must confess to you that I have gone so far in a commerce of Gallantry with the *Misra Repset*, that knowing  
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how apt he is to be transported  
 with Passion, should he come to  
 the knowledge of my entertain-  
 ing of any new love, though that  
 of a Prince, he would be apt to  
 break forth into some extrava-  
 gancy or other, though he should  
 involve himself in my ruine.  
 This is my case dear *Monitenna*,  
 continued she, and you see how  
 much I stand in need of your  
 Advice in such an intricate business.  
 I am not capable of giving you  
 Counsel in this, I can assure, re-  
 ply'd *Monitenna*, and where join  
 your case my self, I should stand as  
 much in need of Advice as you do  
 at present, which if I could not get,  
 I would then follow my own In-  
 clinations, and obey my own de-  
 sires. The love of an Emperor is a  
 great inducement to what I say.  
 You speak very true, reply'd  
*Clorineta*, and I do verily believe,  
 that should I discover *Chahar's*  
 love to the *Sultana*, she would  
 not

not be so much concern'd at it, considering how little she regards him to her self, farther than allowing him that respect due to Crowned Heads. Well, my Will is good, I could venture on in giving the Emperour an Assignment, if I could tell where conveniently, and that I could conceal it from the Musti's knowledge; *Where do you think would be the most convenient place, continu'd she? None like one of the Pavillions in the Garden, answer'd Monitenna, after every body is retir'd; there you may have all the freedom imaginable of entertaining one another. You say right, reply'd Clarineta; but should Rep- set at that time come to my Chamber, all hours being alike to him, and he not find me there, nor at the Sultana's, what noise and disturbance would he not make in his Jealousie? I know not, answer'd Monitenna, except you should pre- tend*

*tend you were gone ill to Bed, and  
 had given out, that you would not  
 be disturbed by any Person whatso-  
 ever. I believe that might do, re-  
 ply'd Clorineta, if you would be  
 so kind as to give him his Answer,  
 I should do a great deal more for  
 you, reply'd Monitenna, than that  
 comes to; Then will I go write the  
 Assignment for this Night, said  
 Clorineta, and give it to Cha-abas  
 when he comes by and by to visit the  
 Sultana, and then I will dispose my  
 self to go meet him at the place and  
 time appointed, which, I believe,  
 will be most proper betwixt eleven  
 and twelve, for the Sultana retires  
 not till eleven, besides the Musti  
 seldome comes to me after eleven:  
 I shall rely upon you, continu'd she,  
 to manage the Musti, in case he  
 should drop in at such an unseasona-  
 ble time. Fear me not, reply'd  
 Monitenna, as to my part with the  
 Musti. With that Clorineta settled  
 her*



her self to writing the Note, and *Monitenna* went out, leaving her very busie about it.

*I Make no question but it will be thought ill of Monitenna's playing double with Clorineta, but those Censurers little know what liberty is taken of that Nature, amongst Rivals in Love, if that we daily see, that in Ambition, which is a passion less blind than that of Love, notwithstanding how Friends, Relations, Brothers and Sisters, Fathers and Children, nay even Wives and Mistresses, are sacrific'd to the greediness of that devouring Passion; How much more cruelty may be expected from a Rival in Love? Yet in all that Monitenna acts, there is no mixture of cruelty, there is barely the satisfaction of Revenge on an imperious Rival, who is so imprudent as to lay her self open to a Person, of whom common Fame spoke some Intelligence with the Emperour,*  
*which*



which could not have escap'd Clorineta's Ears; besides, she did but break her measures, as to the enjoying part, and made her self sport with raising of Jealousie in the Musti Repser's bosom towards her Rival, of truth it was too much Vanity in Clorineta to think her Beauty capable to exclude all other Pretenders from their share in Cha-abas Affections. She might have consider'd, that Monitenna's assiduous Services and Cares to Cha-abas, during his late Distemper, might claim as great a share in his Affections, as her own Beauty could do; and she ought not to have believ'd all that a Rival may say against her self in such a case, but rather have distrusted that there lay some Train bid under that design to blow her up with, when opportunity should serve; wherefore she was but justly punisht for her imprudence, and want of circumspection.

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Now I come to the two *Musties*, *Repset* had been at *Chilase's* Apartment, where after divers Discourses, they were so well agreed together, that they had made a resolution to go hand in hand with their Amours, with assurances of assisting one another; as to *Repset*, his Court was already made, he wanted but a Promise from his Rival not to intrench upon his Prerogative at any time, now, or hereafter, in case he should come short of his Designs with the *Sultana*, which had been solemnly sworn to him, but with what resolution to be kept by him, I know not; for it is a Maxim, That all Rivals are to be adjudg'd Hereticks in Love, and no body is bound to keep their Faith to Hereticks, according to the blessed Doctrine of the Order of the Mahometists. *Repset* was satisfied with his *Clorineta*, and *Chilase* had writ a Letter to the *Sultana*, to intreat of her the favour

favour which she had promis'd at the making of an Assignment, which Letter *Repset* had engag'd *Clorineta* should deliver to the *Sultana*, without knowing from whence it came. Upon these assurances of Friendship one to another, they had parted, but could never find out, nor so much as come near suspecting of the true Person that had given them notice of their being discover'd, and hearing no more of it, they rested very well contented; not questioning but that they should have heard more of it e're then, if there had been any further design in it, than giving them a false Alarm. The Emperour, 'tis true, had made some reflexions on the Confidence of the two *Musties* his Rivals, which at first had put him upon a further search into the business, to have known their Names; but not knowing to whom to address him.

himself for further intelligence, and on the other hand, being restless in his new Amours, this last had put out of his mind all thoughts of the first.

*Monitenna* thought she had Intelligence sufficient from her Rival, to give her the opportunity to serve her a Trick, and all under one to serve her own turn ; she writ a Letter in a strange Character to *Repset*, which she caus'd to be convey'd to him by a strange Hand, in which she gave him notice, that if he would prevent *Clorineta* from going to an Assignment that Night at eleven of the Clock, which she had given to a Rival of his, he would do well to come to her about ten of the Clock that Evening, and not to stir from her till the Hour was over, that he should be convinc'd of the reality of the business by the uneasiness and restlessness that he should find her in, and that if he

he let her know that he had had some Intelligence of her Designs, it would disenable the Informer from ever more doing him such another piece of Service. The *Musti* did receive the Note, and promis'd to himself to be with his Mistress early enough to spoil her Sport for that time, and to observe her exactly.

At last the Hour was come, in which *Cha-abas* was to make his Visit to the *Sultana*, he was dress'd to the greatest advantage imaginable, and had prepar'd himself to speak his mind thoroughly to her, and to learn from her mouth what he might expect of return: He enters the *Sultana's* Chamber, she who was resolv'd to give him a positive Answer, goes to meet him; *Madam*, says *Cha-abas*, presuming upon that Goodness which I believe to be in you in as great a Splendour, as all the rest of your  
Perfe-



*Perfections , I come to lay my  
 life at your feet , expecting from  
 your breath my Sentence to live or  
 die. With that he put one knee  
 on the floor. Sir , said she to him  
 again , making an offer to raise  
 him , If your life or death were at  
 my disposal , you might be sure to be  
 absolute Master of both , for I should  
 instantly resign unto you that Power  
 so justly due to you alone under the  
 Heavens. Live , Great Sir , con-  
 tinu'd she , live to reflect on the  
 unworthiness of that Person , in whose  
 power you would deposite so great a  
 Treasure. 'Las ! what is life , Ma-  
 dam , answer'd Chia-abas , if it is  
 not bless'd with your allowance ; and  
 who can see you , and not desire above  
 life , above all , to have a share in  
 your Affections ? No , Madam , it is  
 far better to die than to live , and  
 not have some hopes of being one day  
 bless'd with your Love : The Hea-  
 vens that have made you so admi-  
 rable*



rable, so charming, so much to be  
 belov'd by all that see you with dis-  
 cernment, cannot have made you so  
 cruel; as to take no better advan-  
 tage of all your Perfections, than to  
 strike Admiration and Love in peo-  
 ple, and then to let them perish in  
 their Love, without the least grain of  
 pity or commiseration, for those suffer-  
 ings which your Beauty does occasion.  
 The same Heavens, Great Sir, an-  
 swer'd the Sultana, have design'd me  
 from the very beginning for Amu-  
 rat, I have given him all that he had  
 Right to claim of me, and I have left  
 nothing at my own disposal, in the o-  
 pinion that I had no body else to please  
 or gratifie but him. You see, Sir, that  
 by that gift I am no more my own,  
 and that if you require any thing  
 from me beyond that Respect and  
 Honour which I ought to have for  
 the greatest Prince of the World, it  
 is to Amurat, and not to me; that  
 you ought to address your self: I

now

now do but keep for him, and wear about me for his use, whatever I once could call my own. Tet, Madam, answer'd the Emperor, some pity may be allow'd unto the miserable, and Amurat be no Loser by it; you may command my Empire, I will immediately beg on my bare knees a Peace from my Enemies, and bend instantly all my Forces against his Enemies, if you but consent to it, nay I will head them myself, and lead them on through the thickest of your Rebels, if my Services may be but receiv'd. I will not only receive your Services, answer'd the Sultana, but your Commands also, if I can be so happy as to oblige you in either, Sir, without too great a force on my inclinations; and here I declare, Sir, that next to Amurat, you may claim the greatest share in my Esteem and Respects. That is no more yet, reply'd the Emperour, than what you would modestly allow to any person that would

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*but in the least measure deserve it, and beg it of you, but not one grain of Love, Madam. Tes, Sir, reply'd the Sultana, I love, nay I adore your Virtues, and amongst them that Noble Zeal, which has made you not to spare your own Subjects, but sacrific'd them to your just resentments, in their disobedience of your Commands, to abandon their Heretical Religion to cleave to yours : But as to Love, besides, Sir, that my natural inclinations and disposition lead me quite another way, whether through infirmity of body, or prepossession of mind by other more powerful motives, I find at this present, that it will very ill answer the condition that both Amurat and I am in, and the sad circumstances that we groan under, which are Causes that should produce care, sorrow, and fretfulness, rather than Love and a gay Humour. In a word, Sir, your Person is most acceptable, your Wit, Cour-  
 rage,*

rage, Courtesie, Obligingness, and  
 all other Ornaments are without ex-  
 ception, and worthy to be admir'd  
 by all the World. They may, nay  
 they do stir up an admiration and  
 high esteem for you in all persons,  
 that are capable to judge of your  
 Excellencies ; but you must excuse  
 me, if they cannot incite Love in a  
 Bosom that is not capable of any.  
 The more miserable Wretch I am,  
 Madam, and peradventure it is that  
 I am come too late, continu'd he,  
 after some more happy Rival; and—  
 he was going on, when the Sul-  
 tana thus interrupted him ; Sir,  
 whenever you see, or are by any cir-  
 cumstance imaginable, convinc'd of  
 my yielding to another what I be-  
 lieve no Monarch in the World  
 would better merit than your self,  
 except the Ottoman Emperour ; do  
 not then only tax me with all the  
 Evils that could taint a virtuous  
 Soul, but loath and detest me as

*the worst of my Sex ; but till then*  
*let me humbly beg of you to harbour*  
*a better opinion of me , and to be-*  
*lieve , that I have for you all the*  
*respect , honour , and esteem that can*  
*be produc'd in a generous and grate-*  
*ful Spirit , by all the Endearments,*  
*and all the rare Qualities and Vir-*  
*tues that can be imagin'd. Well*  
*Madam, I will not insist any longer,*  
*reply'd he, on a business that is not*  
*pleasing to your Ears , at this pre-*  
*sent especially , but will live in*  
*hopes , that by my most assiduou*  
*Services, my indefatigable diligence*  
*and my matchless Love , I shall in*  
*time produce in you that Love*  
*which you will not own to have*  
*which I so passionately desire to find*  
*in your Bosom, and without which*  
*shall ever remain the most miserable*  
*Prince in the World. He had much*  
*to do to get time to end these*  
*words , by reason of Company,*  
*which he saw at distance coming*

to visit the *Sultana*, which prevented her also from giving him any other Answer, than, *Well, Sir, agreed, let us leave all to time.* With that the *Sultana* arose, and receiv'd the Company, which produc'd an agreeable Diversion, in which *Cha-abas* had a part, tho' not long; for his repulse by the *Sultana* did but whet him the more in his application to *Clorineta*, to whom he gave the opportunity to convey her thoughts in writing to him, and stay'd not long after, that he might not give the least suspicion that could be to the *Sultana*, and to gratifie his amorous Curiosity and desires, which rendred him very impatient to learn the success of his Amours with that Mistress, he retired then, and read in that Note what follows.



**I**T is no small Tryal, Great Sir, that you put upon my Spirits, to try how well they could bear all the happiness they are capable of at once, and yet keep within their bounds; yes certainly, Sir, the Honour you do me in your last Commands, has so much exasperated my mind, that I wanted something to allay its happiness, which I have found, in the very thoughts, of what misery I should be plunged in, by such another disappointment unto the longing desires of one that is so wholly yours, as is Clorineta; you will find that Person betwixt eleven and twelve in the same Pavillion, in which she first had the Honour to learn, that so great a Monarch was pleas'd to look down on so mean a Person, who waits for that happy moment with all the Love and impatience imaginable.

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There needed no more to set *Chabab*'s heart all on fire, he thought the time very long till the hour was come, and did all he could to divert himself till then.

The *Musti Repset* having received the Information, which *Monitenna* had given him, tho' he knew not from whom, did think it of that concern, as was not to be neglected; wherefore before the hour of ten he came to *Clorineta's* Lodgings, where he found her and her Woman exceeding busie in setting of her forth with all the advantage that Art could lend to kind Nature's gifts; but in what a surprise was she when she perceiv'd him come into her Chamber? She had given Order, that he should be told she was not well, and retired to rest, with a desire not to be disturb'd; but a Person, like the *Musti*, who had made bold to intrude formerly on the

*Sultana's* retiredness, was not to be put by on his Mistresses's account. He therefore giving no ear to what was told him, being spurr'd on with some sparks of Jealousie, which the Information had stirr'd up in him, he entred, and found *Clorineta* as busie as a Bride on her Wedding-day, who, you may imagine, was strangely disconsol'd at the Apparition. *Is this the sick Lady*, said the Musti, looking earnestly on *Clorineta*; *Yes*, answer'd she, *and had you stay'd but two minutes longer, you had found me in Bed, from which I have been diverted but some few moments to try these things which the Taylor and Tire-woman have brought me, that they may mend the faults out of hand. I am sorry, Madam, to learn that you are ill, tho' I hope not with much danger, and I am much of your mind, that the Bed may contribute much to your recovery;*

very ; to which purpose I will retire for some time in the next room , to give you the liberty of going to your Bed, where , Madam , I will come and read by you to divert you , as I use to do. For you must know , that one of the pretences for the *Musti's* coming at any hour into *Clorineta's* Chamber , which pass'd currant with all her Servants , but one particular Favourite , who was privy to their amorous Intrigue , was his pretending to bring her the News and Intelligences from *Leridan* , where her Husband was *Bassa* , to read them to her , and to consult with her about those concerns , and sometimes also to read new Pieces that were curious and witty. *Clorineta* hearing his Design , was almost distracted at his resolution , and said , That truly her head did so ache , that reading would but the more discompose her , and that she desired nothing but silence and darkness. How,

Madam, does your head ake so violently? then there is more danger than I apprehended. Pray, Madam, let me feel your Pulse, you know that I have some skill in Physick, and continu'd he, holding of her Arm, I find indeed so great a disturbance, and such an agitation of Spirits, that my care of your Welfare will not permit me to go from you, till you have had some two or three hours sleep, after which I shall be able to judge, whether Nature will be so kind as to overcome the distemper without the assistance of cooling Julips or Bleeding, or whether we must flie to Remedies for aid. Go, Madam, continu'd he, hasten to your rest, I find you want it much, and I will not detain you any longer from it. Clorineta believing that he was now going his way, was overjoy'd within her self at the good success of her feigned illness, when her flash of Joy was immediately

mediately extinct, by the addition which the *Musti* made of his going into the next room, where he would wait till she was in Bed, would once again feel her Pulse, after that he would stay in the next room for her awaking, that he might not disturb her with any noise, and then he would see what alteration her repose had made in her, and whether for better or for worse. With that he retired without speaking a word more, nor hearing her, and sat himself down in the Antichamber.

He was no sooner gone out of one door, but that she caus'd it to be made fast within side, and she sent to desire *Monitenna* to come to her by another door, unto whom she told all her Grievances, and ask'd her what she should do; *I know not now*, reply'd *Monitenna*, *but you should have given order*  
*sooner*



sooner of having no body admitted  
 to you, and you should have kept  
 your self lock'd up in your own Cham-  
 ber; and he would have stay'd, re-  
 ply'd Clorineta, and waited all  
 night, as you see he will now, before  
 he had retired without seeing me;  
 Then there should he have waited,  
 said Monitenna, while you might  
 have convey'd your self to the Ren-  
 dezvous another way. But what is  
 to be done now? reply'd Clorineta,  
 I am ruin'd, undone for ever, I am  
 the miserablest Wretch in Nature,  
 I will dress my self and be gone, and  
 leave him waiting where he is, till  
 he is weary. Consider, Madam, the  
 inconveniencies that will attend  
 that, you know his hasty Temper,  
 that he will see you in Bed, and  
 then wait till you have slept, his  
 impatience will never let him rest  
 an hour without coming to see whe-  
 ther you repose, and feel your Pulse,  
 if he is denied entrance, that will  
 but

*but raise his Jealousie, which will make him ten thousand times more restless, and uneasy, and what he may not do when his passions are up, you may imagine. Heavens, what shall I do then? reply'd Clorineta, I shall die, I shall perish, I shall not live till morning, assist me with your counsel, or I shall run distracted. All that I can tell you, said Monitenna, is, that you must rest satisfied. What, and leave the Emperour waiting in vain, reply'd Clorineta in a passion, that must not be, I had rather hazard all, and endure all that the Musti's rage can suggest him to do, than fail of meeting Cha-abas at the time and hour: You do not consider, reply'd Monitenna, that there wants not above half an hour, and that it is impossible you should be dress'd by that time, and get thither, by the Musti's amusing you so long. I'll run stark naked rather than fail him,*

him, reply'd passionately *Clorineta*.  
*Do what you please*, said *Monitenna*,  
*but—but what, good now*, reply'd  
*hastily Clorineta* ? *I say*, that if I  
*was in your case*, reply'd *Monitenna*,  
*I would resolve to send some person to*  
*him*, with some great excuse, which  
*should express the sorrow that you*  
*are in for the disappointment* : *Well*,  
*I think I must do so*, and if you  
*would take that trouble upon you*,  
*for I have no body else that I durst*  
*confide in*, you will infinitely oblige  
*me*, he will not know you in the  
*dark*, tell him that—tell him what  
*you please* ; your mind being less  
*troubled than mine is at present*,  
*you may better frame an excuse than*  
*I can my self*. Pray lose no time,  
*remember the Nature of the Busi-*  
*ness*, and act accordingly in it, I  
*will go to Bed*, which in the per-  
*plexity and disturbance of mind I am*  
*in*, is the fittest place for me, since  
*I cannot go where I would*, you  
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may safely say, it was a sudden Fit of Sickness surpriz'd me; and I believe that it will be so in earnest by morning. I will not detain you any longer; I will retire. With that she prepar'd her self for Bed.

*Monitenna* was ravish'd to see her Plots succeed so well; she knowing before hand to what she should bring that business, had dress'd her self to all the advantage she could possible, and wanted but some little addition to her Head, to fit her to personate *Clorineta*, with the Emperour, as she had projected to do. She made all the haste imaginable to fit her self to the purpose she was going about, and set forth for the Adventure: She came into the Garden by the help of the *Sultana's* Key, which *Clorineta* had secur'd before hand for her purpose, and address'd her steps to the Pavillion, where she was not long  
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before *Cha-abas* came. He presently run to her, and flung himself about her Neck with the greatest transport imaginable. And is *Fortune* so kind at last, said he, as to bring me into the Arms of that Person that I so much prize above the World? *Monitenna*, who all this while had not had time to speak, reply'd, You mistake the Person, Sir, I believe, and forget who you were to meet. Not in the least, dear Madam, reply'd *Cha-abas*, I know that the *Sultana* is at this time retir'd to divert her self with her sullen Humour, and that I have now the happiness to possess that towards which my Heart has the greatest tendency, there being more of Gallantry and Respect in its application to the *Sultana*, than Love, which I bring intirely to the most charming *Clorineta*. Still you may mistake, Sir, said *Monitenna*, for I find you spake not those things which you intend to

me; and I fear very much that your Heart and your Tongue go not together. Think, Sir, better before you speak, and go not on so fast to ruin a poor credulous creature that has but too much trusted in your fair Words: I am not the first, it may be, that has been too credulous, and I believe would wish themselves now in my place. But few, Madam, can pretend to that Happiness, I assure you, reply'd he, and none to such a share in my Love as my dear Clorineta. Yes, you will except Monitenna, doubtless, reply'd Monitenna. Monitenna, reply'd the Emperour, in a scornful Tone! Alas, poor creature, she has deserv'd much, I must confess, by her assiduous care in my late illness, and I have, and will still more reward her for her diligence, which I must confess was extraordinary; but—— But she loves you, I dare say, reply'd Monitenna hastily; and it was that Love of hers



*hers which made her do for you what you might not expect from any other Person that had not been mov'd by Love : And doubtless you have given her some hopes of Return in the same Nature, or——* There Cha-abas interrupted her in his turn, saying, *I might encourage her, 'tis likely, with some such hopes, to continue her in the same Humour of assisting me as she had done : But what is that to Love ? Nay, what is that to you, to me, to our present concerns, dear Madam ? Let us lose no longer time in things that so little concern our present business ; let us enjoy our selves while we may——* Saying of this he began to be a little more busie with his Hands than he had been ; but finding that there was no Reply, nor so much as the least resistance made, that the Lady was fallen forwards on him, her Arms extended downwards, and without Motion, it made him desist from  
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the Labour of his Hands, to look after her : He lifted her up, which motion bringing poor *Monitenna* to her self again from the Swoon that his Cruel Expressions had put her in: *Oh! cruel Prince*, said she, giving a great sigh, *and most unfortunate Monitenna!* With that she return'd into a fainting Fit again, which gave time to *Cha-abas* to consider more exactly who it was, by the aid of the Moon, which had risen since their meeting, than he had done before in the dark. He saw plainly his mistake, and was doubtless troubled at what he had done ; but he was no less struck with wonder at *Monitenna's* supplying of *Clorineta's* Room: He did all he could to bring her to life again ; He laid her down on the Seats that were in the place, and run to the Fountain that was not far, and brought from thence Water in his Hat, which he flung in her

her Face : At last he did so much, that the poor afflicted *Monitenna* came to her self again, and fetching a deep sigh, and looking stedfastly on the Emperour, *Oh ! do not, Sir, said she, take so much pains on a Person that is so unworthy of it ; Reserve those Labours for more happy Persons : And since that the miserable Monitenna has no hopes left of obtaining the Effects of those vain Promises in which she so unfortunately put too much confidence : Be not so doubly cruel, as first to kill her, and then not to let her die. My dear Monitenna, reply'd Cha-abas, believe that I have a share of Love for you also, and let me intreat you to attribute my Failings to that Liberty that we Men have given our selves of courting all New Faces : Sometimes it may be, when we lose by the change, and are invited to it meerly by Novelty : You know, dear Monitenna , that we are Nature's*  
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*Children, and that we love to follow  
 the steps of that dear Mother, who  
 her self is delighted with Variety :  
 I love thee, I protest I do, and shall  
 give thee further Demonstrations of  
 it whene're thou pleasest. We are  
 both mistaken, continued he, it is  
 true, I did not think to find thee  
 here ; I confess that I had appointed  
 to meet the Lady Clorineta , but  
 how she has fail'd, and you come in  
 her Room, is a wonder to me. You  
 are mistaken in her, Sir, answer'd  
 Monitenna, who was a little come  
 to her self, she has other Assignati-  
 ons, other Amours to manage besides  
 yours ; she loves Variety as well as  
 you say you do, Sir, continued she ;  
 and it was the entertaining of ano-  
 ther Lover, which she prefers to you,  
 that made her desire me to supply her  
 place, and to tell you, that some  
 sudden Distemper has been the cause  
 of her disappointing you. And does  
 she prefer any man to me? reply'd  
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the Emperour in an huffing tone,  
*Is she so weak as to forget who I  
 am? and can she please her self in  
 any others company better than in  
 mine? Then let her go, I will no  
 longer think her worthy of my  
 thoughts, I will leave her to associ-  
 ate with Persons more suitable to the  
 lowness of her mind; she does not  
 merit the Love of a Monarch, that  
 can prefer a meaner Person to his  
 Favours. But as for that Person  
 who she prefers to me, I will banish  
 him out of my Empire; none shall  
 find protection in it, that shall have  
 dar'd to lift up his thoughts where  
 there might be but the least suspicion  
 imaginable that I design'd: Let me  
 but know that insolent Varlet, and I  
 shall soon break his measures. Great  
 Prince, reply'd Monitenna, know  
 that the Person is not worth your  
 Anger, no more than she for prefer-  
 ing a mean pitiful Musti before the  
 greatest Monarch in the World: Let  
 them*

them alone for the present, Sir, and  
 I engage to you, that in some few  
 days I shall not only bring you to  
 surprise Clorineta and her Lover to-  
 gether, but also shew you another  
 Scene at the same time and place,  
 betwixt another Musti and the Sul-  
 tana, how reserv'd soever she car-  
 ries it towards you. How! ano-  
 ther Musti, reply'd Cha-abas, as  
 surpris'd, has the Devils set loose  
 all the Musties in the World to op-  
 pose and thwart me in my Amours.  
 Must so great and mighty a Prince  
 as I am, be baffled in his Enterpri-  
 ses by so mean a thing as a Musti?  
 I shall make such Examples of them  
 as shall for ever deter all such Black  
 Coats from casting but an Eye on any  
 Object that I deign to favour with  
 my liking: And as to you, my dear  
 Monitenna, here is my Hand, that  
 for the future I shall have you in  
 greater Esteem than ever, and you  
 shall be sensible henceforth both of  
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*my Bounty and Love: Build upon it,*  
*as on a sure Foundation that shall ne-*  
*ver fail you. Monitenna remain-*  
 ing still very much disorder'd by  
 her late disturbance, return'd hum-  
 ble Thanks to *Cha-abas*, and as-  
 sur'd him, That she would endea-  
 vour by all means imaginable to  
 deserve in part his Favours, though  
 she could never pretend to merit  
 so much Honour: She told him  
 moreover, That she fear'd her late  
 Disorders might bring some Fits  
 upon her, which she would en-  
 deavour to intercept, if she could  
 come to some Remedies which she  
 had in her Closet against such Dis-  
 tempers. Upon this *Cha-abas* ta-  
 king of her by the Hand, gave her  
 a Kiss, as a Pledge of what he had  
 promis'd her, and saying, That  
 seeing she still continu'd ill, he  
 would not detain her any longer  
 from her Rest, and would put off  
 to another time giving of her  
 more

more ample Proofs of his Love. With that he led her to the Garden Door which answer'd to her Apartment, where, for fear of being discovered, he parted with her.

*Monitenna* was not a little pleas'd with her self for having so much disgusted the Emperour of his Two New Mistresses, and ingratiated her self into his Favour again : She resolv'd to manage it, and to gain him wholly to her ; wherefore she pursu'd her Design, in rendering the *Sultana* and *Clorineta* as suspected to the Emperour as could be, not making any scruple at all to undermine those Persons who had insinuated themselves into *Cha-abas's* Affections, to her prejudice, and who, as she thought, had encroached on her Prerogatives, which she laid claim to by Precedency. She enquir'd at her return after *Clorineta's* Health ; it

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was told her; That she had continu'd in Bed ever since, without Sleep; that the *Musti* had frequently visited her, and was still attending in the Withdrawing-Room; and that she had frequently ask'd after her, and order'd, that she should be brought to her so soon as she return'd; that made *Monitenna* to hasten to *Clorineta's* Chamber, where going to her Bed-side, she gave her such an account of her Transaction with *Cha-abas*, as she thought fit, to put her neither in extraordinary Hopes or Despair: She could not stay long with her; for the *Musti*, who had been a whole half hour without seeing her, could hold out no longer, and was demanding admission; So that as *Monitenna* was going out at one Door, for fear of creating more Jealousies in his Head, the *Musti* came in by the other. Well, Madam, said he to  
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Clorineta, how do you find your self now, taking her by the Arm : Truly the worse for you , replied she ; for you will not let me sleep, but are continually disturbing me when I fall into slumbers , which strangely discomposes me. Well , Madam , I hope that you will be so just, as to attribute it to my care of your health , and my Zeal in your Service : And since I find , that there is no increase of Fever, now that it is towards day, I will leave you wholly to your rest, which I shall pray may be sweet and comfortable to you. I shall visit you again when I think you have sufficiently repos'd, with hopes to find you quite recover'd : mean time, I am your humble Servant. With that he took his leave of Clorineta , and went his way , not doubting but that he had broke the Assignment for that time ; and he set himself on thinking how he

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should secure her wholly to himself for the future.

*Cha-abas*, for his part, was strangely alter'd in his Mind; since the Information which *Monitenna* had given him of *Clorineta's* Plurality of Lovers: She did not concern him so much, peradventure, not thinking her any longer worthy of his Esteem, after the preferring of a *Musti* to him: But more particularly was he troubled at the Insolency of that *Musti*, that durst aspire to the *Sultana's* Favour, who he could not beat out of his Head, but 'twas *Repset*; and not well knowing who the other *Musti* could be, he was still apt to fall into the Opinion, that it was the same Person who made Love to both his Mistresses, at the same time. This he imprinted so well in his Imagination, that nothing could beat it out, no, not his reflecting

flecting on what *Monitenna* had told him, of bringing him to surprize both his Rivals at once: He thought that she meant, that he should see *Repset* courting of both his Mistresses presently after one another; or that he had not well understood her: But still his Mind was entirely bent on the belief, that *Repset* was the only opposition which he found in his Amours, which made him take the Resolution to watch him close, to examine all his Actions, every step that he made, and what Company he kept all the day long, by such trusty Persons as should give him full Information of all that he desired to know; and in that Resolution to set some Persons about it that very day, he went to rest.

Musti *Chilase* having by this time taken all his measures and precautions in his further Addres-



ses to the *Sultana*, had writ a Letter, in which he did give her a further account of his Person: He got a trusty Messenger to convey it to *Repser's* Hands, who had promis'd him to give it to *Clorineta*, who should present it to the *Sultana*, not knowing from whom it came: So that *Repser* carried it along with him when he return'd that same day to give a Visit to *Clorineta*, which was towards Evening. After he had entertain'd her a while, he took his leave of her, to go about a Business of high Concern, intreating her to deliver that Letter which he gave her in to the *Sultana's* own Hand, without any enquiry after the Author; which she having promis'd to do, he went his way, and she not long after waited on the *Sultana*, unto whom having deliver'd that Letter, without a Name, the *Sultana* had the Curiosity to read in it as follows:

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**T**hat vast disproportion that  
 is betwixt your Greatness  
 and my Unworthiness, Great Prin-  
 cess, would leave me nothing to say  
 for my self, had I not been assur'd  
 from your own mouth, at the Mask-  
 ing, That my most humble Addres-  
 ses, should not be wholly rejected :  
 But not daring to approach too near  
 the splendor of your Sovereignty ;  
 without being shrouded under the  
 favourable Veil of your Permission,  
 for fear of burning the Wings of my  
 Ambition, and casting my self into  
 eternal misery, I have presum'd, not  
 without trembling, to address my  
 self to your affable Goodness, most  
 Adorable Princess, by the media-  
 tion of these Lines, to humbly re-  
 present to your commiseration, to  
 what an height of Love and Ambi-  
 tion my Heart is risen, through  
 your singular Bounty and Permission ;  
 that Heart and Mind, Madam, so  
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disproportionable to the meanness of my Birth, when compar'd to your Illustrious Self. Give me leave to believe, Madam, that such an aspiring mind, must be other than of the common stamp; and it creates in me some thoughts, that through some mistake in Nature, my mind was design'd for some body of a more Noble Blood than that which contains it now; or that my mother, resolving to have a child answerable to her Ambition, might be endowed with so much Beauty, and other Engagements, as to invite some Person of a Noble Birth, to satisfy therein her Towering Desires. How durst I else, most Illustrious Sultana, raise my thoughts to that height, in which the Heavens and Nature have plac'd you above the rest of the World? Deign, most charming Empress, to entertain some favourable thoughts, as I endeavour to insinuate into your mind, of an Heart so much ravish'd  
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with the consideration of your matchless Perfections, and permit your Slave to appear in your Presence; with all the Submission and Respect that he is capable to express; and be assur'd, Madam, that there is no Attempt nor Enterprize so difficult, that I would not undertake at your command, with confidence, that the merit of the cause of my acting, and the vigour of all my Faculties in so glorious a cause, would be sufficient to carry me through all difficulties in which I were led on by your commands. When I consider, high and mighty Princess, the boldness of my Attempt, that Heart that dares all to render himself worthy of your Esteem, trembles, and dissolves in my Breast: Encourage it, Great Princess, to go and throw it self at your Feet by your commands, which by the same Hand that has presented you this, may be convey'd unto the meanest of your Adorers, but the

greatest Admirer of your Perfections, and the most Passionate of all your Lovers.

The *Sultana* was no less surpris'd at the Presumption of the Person, whom she was inform'd was of low Birth, as she was at the Odness of the Style and Expressions: She guess'd, that it could not come but from that Person who had so earnestly solicited her at the Masking, for an Interview, which was quite out of her Mind, as having never design'd any further Conversation or Correspondency with any one, beyond the Limits of that Night. She resolv'd to see how far this Insolence would go; wherefore she desired *Clarinetta* to assist her in it, in writing Two Words to that Person, in which she should give him notice of a Time and Place for an Interview, where she her self should personate

sonate the *Sultana*, and under her Name meet him, and make sport with him: Which *Clorineta* having undertaken to do, she retired to write, that it might be ready against *Mufti Repset's* next Visit.

Here let us leave our Lovers once again, to return to the Historical part of our Novel. *Amurat* was not long before he found, that those Forces which he had brought over with him, nor those which he had found in *Leridan*, would answer his Designs: It was signified to *Chabas*, who order'd some Recruits to be sent over, with a Convoy, who had the good Fortune not to meet with the *Ottoman* Fleet, but after they were got into an Harbour, and had discharg'd their Lading. They were no sooner espy'd, but that



that they made towards them with all the Sails they had , as well as the Wind would permit them , and some few of their Vessels fell upon the *Persians*, the rest of their Fleet not being able to come up, or at least pretending so ; for it was shrewdly suspected, that some *Persian* Gold had infected some of the Officers, and had so infatuated them , as to make them forget to add Bullets to that Powder which they shot against the *Persian* Fleet. However, those few of the *Ottoman* Fleet which engag'd, did so well behave themselves, that the *Persians*, though Six or Eight to One, had nothing to boast of but Blows. They retired on their own Coasts, and into their own Harbours : The Seas were extreemly pester'd with *Persian* Privateers , which would do mischief to some private Merchant-Men ; and on both

both sides there were daily some Vessels taken. But that was not to last ; the Conjunction of the Two Fleets of *Hal-*  
*don* and of the *Ottoman* Empire, which was to be very suddenly, would soon put an end to all those little Pickroons, strike Terror to all its Enemies, and even make the Ocean to groan under their pressure.

That Re-enforcement being thus arriv'd at *Leridan*, *Amurat* having joyn'd it to the rest of his Forces, he attempted to reduce a strong place in that Kingdom, call'd *Lynderodon*, in which a very considerable Number of the poor persecuted *Mohometans* were refuged with store of Provision, and a firm Resolution to defend themselves in it to the last Man.

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That oblig'd *Amurat* to send from *Blunid*, the Metropolis of the Kingdom of *Leridan*, some Forces to besiege *Lynderodon*. The Besieged made a brave resistance, and in many Sallies got a great deal of Booty, so that they found themselves provided with sufficiency of all things to endure a long Siege, not doubting but that before they were forc'd to yield to their Enemies, they should receive some considerable Succour from *Albiona*: In the mean time the *Persians*, that had come over with *Amurat* to that Expedition, began to play their Golden Engines, which had never fail'd them yet, and with which all their Treacherous Conquests have been bought; for it was never known yet, that they ever got a pitch Battel fairly fought, especially against the *Turks*. But their Golden Battery having made so much noise,

noise, that it had come to the knowledge of the Besieged, they seiz'd on their Governour, and imprison'd him, in order to Examination, and of making a woful Example of Him for his Treachery, but he made a shift to escape that punishment which he had deserv'd. They made Choice of a new Governour, to whom by his desires they associated another, by which that City was secur'd, and bravely defended from the Rage and Fury of all those *Persians, Halists*, and those of the Country; who had sworn not to spare Women nor Children, if they should take it by force; which had been the same case, tho' it had yielded upon Composition; for all those other poor people that in other places had yielded themselves up upon Composition and Promises confirm'd by Oaths, that they should not be molested, were  
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all destroy'd , and put to the Sword in cold blood , by the instigations of those bloody Priests of the Sect of *Haly* ; who would not permit any of their Religion to give Quarter to any of the true *Mahometans*, declaring, That whoever did keep his Faith to any Hereticks , as they call the true *Mahometans*, were worse than Dogs , and should be eternally damn'd without Redemption.

Thus went things in *Leridan*, while that divers small Parties did rise in *Clonstad* through the instigation of some *Halists* that still did hold for *Amurat*, and who had receiv'd private Letters from him, that he would suddenly come over to their aid and assistance , with a formidable Army of *Persians* and *Leridians*, so soon as he had subdu'd those Rebels, that had retired and fortified themselves in *Lynderodon*.

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But those Parties were daily beaten and dispers'd, there was nothing but the Castle of the Metropolis of that Kingdom which held out still for *Amurat*, which caus'd the Senate of that Kingdom to declare the *Bassa* that held it, and all his Adherents Traitors; for as to the *Mountaneers*, they had been routed, dispersed, and driven to take Sanctuary in their own wild part of that Kingdom, whence they had first descended. *Albion* all this while being secure within it self, notwithstanding all the Intrigues and Plots of the *Hallists*, which still remain'd in *Constantinople*, notwithstanding all the Orders that had issued out for them to retire at ten miles distance from that great City, which was obey'd but by a very small number of them, it did daily send Forces to the Frontiers of *Clonstad*, and to other places to be ready to embark for  
*Leridan,*



*Leridan*, with the first opportunity, to go and assist there their distressed Brethren, and joyn with those brave men that so stoutly oppos'd and withstood all the Forces that *Amurat* and *Chabab* had in that Kingdom.

The *Musti Repset*, after his usual manner, came to render his Mistress a Visit, as much to satisfy his Jealousie, as to enquire after her Health, she gave him the Answer to *Chilase's* Letter, and did not enquire after the Person; after he had been a while with her, he left her to carry that Answer to his Friend *Chilase*, in which he doubted not but he should highly oblige him: He found him, deliver'd him the Letter, and read in it what follows.

**T**HE obligation which I have  
of keeping my word, with that  
respect you shew in your submissive  
Letter,

*Letter, has invited me to let you know, that to morrow in the Evening about ten of the clock I shall be at the Grotto, at the further end of the great Walk. Make the best use you can of this information.*

*I am the most happy man in the World, cry'd he aloud as soon as he had read the Letter, I am made for ever, I shall run beyond my self for Joy; Oh, for some allay to those Joys, that otherwise will transport me beyond Recovery. See, my dear Friend, continu'd he, giving the Note to Repset to read, behold my Happiness. With that he walk'd hastily up and down the Room, set himself down, hastily rising up again, then he would jump, and make such loud Exclamations of Joy, that it very much imitated a man that was transported with an unruly Passion. Repset having read the Paper, What think*

think you, said Chilase to him? That I guess right, answer'd he again, and that you are half Seas over already in this Intrigue, all the difficulty in it, that I can perceive, is to get to the Rendezvous without being perceiv'd; for you must be as tender of her Honour as of your Life. Let me see this Note once again, continu'd he, looking on the Paper, this is not the Sultana's hand, which I know very well, and this Writing I am acquainted with also, though I cannot call it to mind presently. This made Chilase to hearken a little, and to stand still; which being perceiv'd by Repset, and that it answer'd his Expectation: I would advise you, continu'd he, to be very circumspect in this business, and to weigh every circumstance of it before you embark in it too far, consider before you leap, and endeavour to avoid all surprises. What if this should  
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*be to bring you into an Ambuscade, where in lieu of meeting with a Sultana, you should feel the weight of some thing else on your shoulders, or a worse Entertainment ; great Persons think they may do any thing. This Advice did something allay Chilase's Transport, he began to think ; Why, said he to Repset, do you think that there may be danger in it ? I know not, reply'd Repset, it is as things may happen, Women have humours, and most commonly they are guided by that which predominates, especially amongst such persons as are, or at least think themselves not liable to give any account of their Actions in such cases ; to gratifie their Passions, a mans life is no more than that of a Fly, they need but say the word, and it is done. Why all this is true, reply'd Chilase, whose Courage Repset had strangely allay'd by these learned Cautions, he began to*

to ask him his Advice in that Case; *I know not what to advise you, reply'd Repser, this business is like all others, the greater the danger, the greater the Honour: But however, if I was in your place, I would not go in a Clergie-dress, I would try my Fortune like a Courtier, or like a Souldier, that in case any disaster should happen, I might not be oblig'd to scandalize the Church. Besides, at the first interview to appear in your own Habit, might breed contempt, tho' after some time, and that you were both agreed upon the matter, then you might plainly discover your self. All these Reasons are very weighty,* reply'd the other Multi, *and I incline very much to follow them, for which I give you many thanks, and I will instantly go about to procure such a Dress, as shall make me an absolute Cavaleer, Hat and Feathers, Sword and Wigg shall not be*

*be wanting : I must think of some pretences to borrow all these things, and sit me from head to foot against the happy hour. I'll leave you, reply'd Repset, to your business, and wish you good success in it. With that they parted.*

*Repset was agitated betwixt two troublesom Passions, Envy and Jealousie, which made him take the resolution to spoil Chilase's Sport ; sometimes he was raging mad with Envy, to think that after all he had done towards the Sultana, to get to that pass, which Chilase had so easily attained to, all to no effect, which happy success in another he could not brook ; another time, he fancying the Writing to be Clorineta's, that stirr'd up Jealousie in him, believing that the Sultana despising the Address, Clorineta had been glad to take the opportunity of her refuse, to personate her,*  
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and to enjoy that which the other slighted ; eitherwise did put him upon mischief, which he was resolv'd to act with a witness. To that purpose, when it drew near the hour of the Affignation, he under-hand enquired, whether the *Sultana* did design to stir out that Evening ? And he had Intelligence that she was indispos'd, and had been all the day, and design'd to go to her Bed ; that information, cur'd him of his Envy ; but then it increas'd his Jealousie, not doubting now but that *Clorineta* had a mind to know whether all *Mus-ties* were alike, the rather too, because he had been inform'd, that *Clorineta* had declar'd she would go forth that Evening. He made no more noise about it, but went immediately to the Gardiner, and for a little money, got from him the Keys of those Cocks which made all the Water-works play that

that were in and about the *Grotto*, and prepared to get privately about the place of the Appointment a little before the hour.

All things being thus got ready on all sides, *Repset* came first to the *Grotto*, where he hid himself, as well as he could, under one of the Seats that was nearest to the Cock. That Night prov'd very dark, which contributed much to his concealment; this was about half an hour before the prefixt time. Some time after *Chilase* came into the Garden by a Key, which he had got of the Gardiner for money; and he was not long there, till he was follow'd by *Clorinetta*, who had got in by the same Key which *Repset* had made use of, and left the door open after her, which was the *Sultana's*. *Chilase* was as an accomplish'd Spark in all appearance, as could be: He had a white Beaver Hat

on, a curious long, flaxen, curl'd Wigg, Embroider'd Clothes, Point Linen, and all things else futable. In this Equipage he marches towards the *Grotto*, tho' any Dress might very well have serv'd the turn in the dark. There was no body that frequented the Garden that could lose their way to the *Grotto*, all the Walks in it leading to it, which was in the middle of the furthest Square of the Garden; but he went on very slowly, his Heart failing him, and prophesying some ill at hand, nay, the never failing Prognostick amongst the Superstitious happening also, (bleeding at the Nose) he was upon the very point of giving over his Design, and of making an honourable Retreat. This last accident, though he had bled but some few drops, did put a stop to his proceedings for some short time to clean himself. Mean time,

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two Persons were come to the Grotto, and had seated themselves presently after Repser had conceal'd himself. The one said to the other, *My heart akes for fear of some surprise, Oh! Love, to what hazards and dangers dost thou lead thy Votaries.* Fear nothing, answer'd the other, *we are safe enough, but we must lose no time, for nothing but that can cause us any mischief: Remember your Vows and Promises,* said the first again; *To a tittle,* reply'd the last. After this from words they were going to action, when that our envious, malicious *Musi* (Jealousie it could not be) slipt out of his lurking hole, turn'd the Cocks, and set all the whole Grotto on water. From above, from below, from all sides, there were a thousand Springs, which put the two poor Lovers in such a pickle, that it quite extinguish'd every spark of

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their amorous Fire, at least for  
 that time. They got out of the  
*Grotto* half drown'd, and blinded,  
 every one shifting for themselves,  
 as also did *Chilase*, who was just  
 entering the *Grotto* when the  
 Squibs of Water began to play,  
 so that he had his share of the re-  
 freshment also. *Clorinetta* was a-  
 bout the middle of the Walk, when  
 she heard the noise of the Water-  
 works, and perceiv'd as well as  
 she could in the dark, some Per-  
 sons running, amongst which one  
 came up to her; Oh, are you there?  
 said he, I am glad I have found  
 you, we are surpris'd, let us get  
 into the Lodge as fast as we can by  
 the same door we came out, if they  
 have not shut it, from whence we  
 will get into the street, & thence to  
 my Lodgings, where we will shew  
 us. With that he pull'd *Clorinetta*  
 hard by the hand, with another  
 that was yringing in get, and in-  
 stant

cold

cold as a Ghost. *Clarinetta*, who had been frighted at this, did not know what to do, while she was thinking whether she had best to cry out, keep silent, discover her self, or run from this Person that pull'd her along by force, but which was qualified sometimes with a *Come, Madam, there is no danger for us but in this place, and we are safe, if but once out of it.* She was forc'd to yield to the Person's strength, and to follow; he led her to the Gardiner's Lodge, where finding the door open, they got into the street, where presently after, a Footman coming by with a Light, *Clarinetta* did perceive that he belong'd to her; she bid him to stay, calling him by his Name, then looking on the Person who held her by the hand, and that left a Train of Droppings where-e're he went. *But I said she, you may by this time.*



I suppose, have found your mistake, &  
 perceive you want clean Linnen.  
 I'll leave you to go shift your self.  
 With that she turn'd to her Ser-  
 vant, and bid him to light her to  
 her Apartment, which was not  
 far. When she was got to the  
 door, she was strangely surpris'd  
 to see a brave Spark, with a young  
 Lady in his hand, both in the  
 same Condition with the other  
 she had so lately left. Madam,  
 said the Gentleman, by a misfor-  
 tune this Gentlewoman and I have  
 been put in this condition, and if  
 You would be so obliging as to direct  
 us to the Sultana's Apartment, I  
 would infinitely oblige us. This  
 was Chilse, who having met with  
 that Person, whom the other Gen-  
 tleman, who had taken Clorinetta,  
 had lost, and taking her for the  
 Sultana, he was leading of her  
 home, thinking to pass her for one  
 belonging to the Sultana. This  
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new Spectacle did strangely surprise *Clorineta*, who could not forbear rallying of them, (at which she was overy expert) I cannot but wonder where I was, and under what shelter, when so much Rain fell, and be so dry: Certainly, continu'd she, it was a sudden Storm, which has not so much as wet the Parament hereabouts; But if you belong both to the Sultana, continu'd she, your nearest way will be through this place, this Fellow shall conduct you thither. With that she bid her Servant to go with them so soon as the Lights were come that had been call'd for. By this time the wash'd Gentlewoman finding that the distrust which she had had all along, that she had not the right Person by the hand, was on good grounds, was contriving how to get off, her Hoods, which the violence of the Water had forc'd over her Face,

where they did stick very fast, and kept her conceal'd; said that it was a mistake of the Gentleman's, that she had no acquaintance at the *Sultana's*, and she begg'd leave to retire, and did not desire to be known. With that she disingag'd her self from *Chilase*, and desiring to be excus'd, having made a Curtsy, she went her way as fast and as well as she could, not knowing her self where to go, nor how to dispose of her self. *Chilase* being left alone, *Clarinetta* offer'd the same Civility to him; but he, for fear of being discover'd, would not accept of it, but she would force it upon him, and the Lights being come, she commanded her Man not to leave the Gentleman, till he was got to his Lodgings, and so she retir'd to think on the strange Adventures of that Night. *Chilase* being alone with the Footman, gave him

a piece of Money, desiring him to lead him to the next Inn, where he would take up for that night, he being very cold and wet, and his Lodgings too far off; which the Fellow readily perform'd, and went and told *Clorinetta* where he had left him, for she long'd to know who that Person was; wherefore she charg'd the Man to return to the Inn, and watch there all the rest of the night till morning, when he should be reliev'd, and if that Person did go out to dodge him to his Lodgings, she gave him something to drink while he watch'd, and sent him immediately away.

The Wet Lady had not gone far, but that she fell into *Repset's* Hands, who did avoid, as well as he could, all persons, for fear of being discover'd, he being in the *Querpo* Dress of his Order. He had lost his way, and had been

forc'd to get our through the  
 Gardner's House; and perceiving  
 a Petticoat, he offer'd her his Ser-  
 vice. She, who was for making  
 all the haste she could possible to  
 the Gardners, whose Daughter she  
 was, would hardly give him an  
 answer, and she pursuing her way,  
 he took her by the hand and  
 would follow her: He had done  
 better to have saved himself that  
 labour, for they were both met  
 by the person who had brought  
 first that Woman into the Grotto,  
 she told him that she could not be  
 rid of that Person, who was very  
 troublesome to her; at that, the  
 Man, who was already vex'd at  
 all the misfortune that had hap-  
 pen'd to his Mistress, took the  
 pains to lay a lusty Gudge he  
 had in his hand on *Repses's*  
 shoulders, who run away as fast  
 as he could, crying out Murder  
 with a full mouth: That noise a-  
 wak'd



wak'd some persons in the Gardiner's House, who all this while had lain in a profound sleep, little thinking, no more than their Master and Mistress did, what had happen'd during their sleep. The two Lovers hearing the bustle that the Servants made in the House, thought it was time to retire, and that made her yield to his importunities of going along with him, upon condition that he would marry her the next morning. Upon which Terms they agreed, and went their way, where he would lead her. The Gardiner's people having found nothing amiss in the House, and having reported so to the Master, who had begun to move, all was quiet again, and every body went to make an end of their Work in their Beds. Thus ended the odd Adventures of that cross and ill condition'd Night, which had ne-



ver been cut out for Lovers: We  
 will leave all our Lovers to go to  
 their Beds, not to sleep, I dare say,  
 but to reflect on the strange Ren-  
 counters that that Night had pro-  
 duc'd, and return to *Cha-abas*,  
 who all this while had been way-  
 laying of the *Mufti Repset*. He  
 had been inform'd, that he was  
 frequently seen to go up the  
 stairs which went to a passage in  
 which was a back-door out of the  
*Sultana's* Chamber, so that these  
 were the back-stairs to her Lodg-  
 ings for Servants to pass by. Of  
 truth the *Mufti* did often go up  
 and down those stairs, because he  
 had no other way to go to his  
 Lodgings, which were one pair  
 of stairs higher, and backwards,  
 whereas the *Sultana's* Chamber  
 was forwards. This Intelligence  
 had so exasperated *Cha-abas* anger  
 against this wicked *Mufti*, which  
 so disturb'd an Emperour's quiet,  
 that

that he resolv'd upon watching himself, and surprise him going into the *Sultana's* Chamber, where he would give him that Correction himself, which he deserv'd. To this purpose, having disguis'd himself under a long black Cloak, in which he muffled himself all over, he waited one night in a little by-room, at the foot of the stairs, *incognito*, till his Spies should bring him word of the *Musti's* getting up the stairs; but the late drubbing which *Repset* had receiv'd, having caus'd him to keep his Bed, at least his Chamber, for two or three days; for so long time was *Cha-abus* disappointed also of his sweet Revenge. But that time being over, one night as he was on the Watch, News were brought him that the *Musti* was just gone up stairs, as he really was, *Cha-abus* muffles himself up, and up stairs he trudges after him, and as he

was

was earnestly looking after him  
 as he was getting up, he perceiv'd  
 his own shadow against the Wall,  
 caus'd by the Light that was plac'd  
 above the stairs head ; he took not  
 time to examine, but being pre-  
 possess'd with having the *Mufti* in  
 Chase, he takes it to be him, he  
 fiercely runs after it, still as he  
 moves, that went on before him  
 towards the *Sultana's* back-door,  
 till by *Cha-abas* coming nearer,  
 it seem'd to go in, losing it self  
 in the darkness which was betwixt  
 the inmost and the outward door ;  
 at the sight of which the Emperour  
 making his last Efforts to reach  
 him, stretching out his Arms to  
 grasp him, he unfortunately struck  
 his Foot against a little Threshold,  
 which made him come down with  
 all his strength against the inward  
 Wainscote door, which with his  
 force he made to fly open, and  
 having at his stumble lost his Hat  
 and

and Peruque, and got hold with both his Hands of the Cloak in which he was muffled; *Have I got you,* cryed he aloud, not considering in what a posture he was, nor where he was, *You shall not scape me, now Priest,* continued he.

The great noise which he had made with his Fall against the door and on the floor, had surpris'd the *Sultann*, who being lain on her Bed, did rise, and enquired what was the matter of those Women that waited in the Chamber, who stood all gazing on, not stirring a foot, in as great an amazement as did the *Sultana*, not knowing all this while who this Person should be, that so rudely durst thus disturb the *Sultana's* rest. Mean time, *Cha-ahar* having recollected himself, and with all his fumbling under his Cloak, finding that he had lost his prey, and

and in what a strange posture he was before the *Sultana* who stood still looking on, and admiring what that Person should be; he laps himself up in his long Cloak over Head and Ears, gets up, and without speaking one word, got out of the Chamber down stairs, and retires to bemoan his misfortune.

All this while, the noise that *Cha-abas* had made with his hasty getting up stairs after the *Musti*, had caus'd *Repset* to stop when he was got to the second pair of stairs, which were a little beyond the *Sultana's* Chamber-door, whence he had been looking all that while on the Scene which was acting below, and having overheard the word *Priest*, which in the Emperour's passion he had spoke very loud; he seeing that Person gone, and that the Hat and Peruque, which had been thrown  
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from out of the Chamber into the passage, had been taken up by one whose Office it was to wait there, he gave him a little Money to let him have them, pretending he knew to whom they belong'd; and he retir'd with them to his Chamber to examine them more at leisure, and to endeavour to find out who was the Owner of them.

*Cha-abas* being got in private, after he had spent some time in gusing, he sent for *Monitenna* to come and speak with him; He told her, That ever since she had inform'd him of his being Rival'd by *Musties*, he had had an Eye on *Repser's* actions; That he had caus'd him to be observ'd, and that News being brought him of his frequent going up and down those back-stairs, which led to the *Sultana's* Chamber, and so went on, telling her the disaster that had



had befallen him, concluding, that the Sultana had conceal'd him in her own Chamber, and say'd him from that punishment which he design'd him. To which she answer'd, That she was at that very time, and had been for above an hour before in the Sultana's Chamber, where I assure you, Sir, that the Musti Repset was not all that while, continu'd she, and we were all so surpris'd with the noise and suddenness of the business, that all our thoughts were bent in knowing what was the matter, and who that Person should be, that had made that disturbance. Was I not known then, said the Emperour? Not that I know, reply'd Montenna, but some of us going to the door, and enquiring of some Person that waited there, what had been the matter? He made Answer, That he knew not, more than that the Musti Repset having gone up stairs to his Lodg.

Lodgings, as he us'd to do, some body muffled up in a long black Cloak, had presently after come up stairs, whether in pursuit of him they know not, but that this last Person, who he did not know, having perceiv'd his own shadow against the Wall, had fiercely run and catch'd after it, still following it till it were lost in the dark between the two doors, that that Person had there fallen, and when he had got up again, and gone his way, he had left his Hat and Peruke behind him, which having been thrown out of the Chamber after him, the Person said he did take them up, but that the Musli Replet, who from the other pair of stairs, having seen all that had pass'd, did give him some money for them, pretending that he knew the Person to whom they did belong; that therefore he had let him have them: And are my things in the Musli's hands then,

then, reply'd Cha-abas, that troubles me more than all the rest, seeing that I have not been known. My dear Monitenna, continu'd he, assist me in this business, the Heavens, I see, have decreed that I should be perpetually oblig'd to thee, and I will certainly acknowledge it, if I get but out off of this business without being known; and that I have reveng'd my self of these two Mystics, I think thou didst name, as thou hast promis'd me, I should. Be patient till then, Sir, answer'd she, and spoil not all by too much precipitation; I have promis'd it you, be patient then, and rely on my word, which I will make good with the first opportunity. But you must be sure, said Cha-abas, to get my Hat and Perugue out of Repset's hands, with all the expedition you can possible; for I fear very much, that by his shewing them up and down, they might at last be known

to be mine by some body or other. She assur'd him that she would get them into her possession that very night: After which they had other Discourses mixt with some amorous Expressions, which lasted till *Monitenna* thought it was time for her to retire, and see after the getting of those things from *Repsel*.

She left the Emperour then, and retiring to her own Chamber, she sent thence one of the *Sultana's* Servants in the *Sultana's* Name, to demand from *Repsel* that Hat and Peruke which he had in his Hands, to which the *Masir* made answer, That he had already sent them by the first Messenger that the *Sultana* had sent for them. The Person return'd to *Monitenna* with that Answer, which made her immediately to run to the *Sultana's* Apartment, to learn more of the business. There she found

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*Clokinetta*, who was giving an account of her last night Adventure to the *Salrana*, and how she had found out that the Person, who was to be at the Affignation, was *Musti Chilase*, how she had been serv'd by she knew not who, but that the Gardener, who had lost his Daughter that Night, did confess that he had lent the Key of the Water-works to the *Musti Repser* that very Night, only to make Sport, as he pretended, but that he believ'd he had an Hand in conveying his Daughter away, and that if she was not suddenly restor'd to him, he would complain of him to the King. Neuen were persons, *Madams*, in such a pickle, continu'd she, was was the *Musti Chilase*, to the Gardener's Daughter and her Gallant; by good Fortune, the *Musti Repser* had bestow'd his Favours on them before I came to the Rendezvous; I heard

the noise of the Water-works at a distance, which made me listen, which prevented me of having my share. How insolent these Musties are grown? said the Sultana. You had no Discourse with Chilase then? continu'd she, None at all, Madam. I assure you I lost the Happiness of being courted by him, reply'd Clorinetta: Well, 'tis no matter, the Sport we have lost of that we have had another way. But how come you to know that this is the Emperour's Hat and Peruke? continu'd she. Madam, reply'd Clorinetta, a certain Person who knew that the Emperour was gone up these stairs in a Disguise, and seeing him come down some time after without them, made some enquiry after them of the Person that waits in the passage, who denying that he had them, the other told him that they belong'd to the Emperour, to terrifie him, I suppose, and to get them from him; which



which made him confess, that *Musti Repset* had them. A *Servant* of mine passing by heard this, and presently came to tell it me as a great Secret. The *Musti* made no scruple of delivering them to the Person; I sent to him, said the *Sultana*: it was answer'd, No, by some of her *Servants*.

Thus did *Monitenna* learn, that it was known it was the *Emperour* who had given them that *Larrum*, and left those signs of it behind him, but not one of them could guess at the right Cause, which had made him do that, till having recollected what the *Fellow* that waited had seen, and what they themselves had seen and heard: out of all they pickt out, that it was some Jealousie that *Cha-abus* had of the *Musti Repset's* going to see the *Sultana* that back-way, which had put the *Emperour* himself on the Design

sign of surprising him in the Fact. *Monitenna* had enough, she slipped from the Company without being suspected, and sent word to the Emperour of all that had happened in a Letter, which put him into such a rage against every body, that none could have a free access to him but *Monitenna*, who was become his right Hand. He sent for her, she came to him, and brought a long with her those things which he had left behind him; and upon his asking her Advice, what he had best to do, she advis'd him to trouble himself no further about it, that what was pass'd could not be mended, and that the more he should stir in it, the more noise it would make, and oblige people to pry the nearer into the business. *What*, said he to *Monitenna*, *and must those two wicked audacious Musciers rest unpunish'd, at least let me know*

*the other Name also. Great Sir, answer'd Monitenna, if you will but put so much confidence in me, as to rely wholly on my care and conduct in the punishing both of Repset and Chilase, those two insolent Musties, you shall have the satisfaction of seeing it with your own Eyes, to your full satisfaction. I will not rely on thee for that only, my dear Monitenna, reply'd Cha-abas, but in any thing else that thou shouldst advise me, nay I will lay my life into thy hands. Then, Sir, I promise you, reply'd Monitenna, that within the space of two days I will give you full satisfaction, as to your Revenge. That's all I desire at present, reply'd he, I am pretty well weaned of those desires which I had towards the Lady Clorinetta, and the towness of her mind, in her thoughts towards a Musti, when she was courted by an Emperour, has made me to turn all that good Will*  
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and Esteem which I had for her, into a perfect Love to thee, of which I shall daily make you sensible. As to the Sultana, I must confess that she has stirr'd up in my Heart a very great esteem for her; but if thou shewest me that she prefers so mean a Person to me, I shall no longer have any other regard for her, than what I owe and ought to pay to a Sultana under my Protection. Divers other Discourses pass'd betwixt Cha-abas and Monitenna, which were mixed with amorous Expressions; after which Monitenna retired, leaving the Emperour in a much more quiet temper of Mind than she had found him.

Chilase by this time had wip'd off all sorrow; he had gone so far in the Discovery of the late night Adventures, as to learn that the Gardener had his Daughter stoln from him that night, that though

he had receiv'd his share of the refreshment which the Water-works had afforded, he believ'd that it was not intended for him, by reason that he was but just step'd into the *Grotto*, and that he had seen and heard some Persons run out of it, and pass by him. He did not know but that the *Sultana* might be going towards that place, and prevented by the noise of the Waters and of those Persons that run away, and so have retired to her Apartment again; a sign of it was, that when he thought that he had met with the *Sultana*, he had led her out of the Garden by her own door, which was found open, however he had lost the way afterwards, in which he was the more confirm'd by meeting with the Lady *Clorineta* at that time, which he believ'd the *Saltana* might take along with her so far as into the Garden,

Garden, where peradventure she was to have stay'd till her return; thus did he run on in construing all the accidents to his own advantage, and according as his Heart desired they should be. As for *Repset*, he was left in the dark still, still tormented betwixt Jealousie and Envy, in which he did all he could to clear and inform himself further; to which purpose he daily visited *Chilase*, who had, as far as he knew himself, told him what had happened that Night, at which *Repset* would admire, but own nothing of that part which he had in it. *Chilase* was so prepossest and so positive, that the *Sultana* had been in the Garden, that *Repset's* Envy was the more kindled at it, which made him take the resolution to have a finger in the Pye, though it were by surprise.



One day as he was going into *Chilase's* Lodgings, which were on the other side of the Garden, opposite to the *Sultana's* Apartment, which made the way a great Compass about, a Person came to him, and ask'd him, if he was the *Mufti Chilase*; *What would you have with him?* reply'd *Repset*, *only deliver this Note*; *Sir*, said he, giving him the Note, *and my business is at an end*: So the Person presently return'd the same way that he came. *Repset* took the Note, observ'd the privacy with which the Messenger had deliver'd it, and upon this fancied that it was some secret business, which giving him the Curiosity to pry into it, he return'd back to his own Lodgings without seeing *Chilase*, where having shut himself in, he open'd the Paper, and found in it these Lines.

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You are in the right to believe,  
 that a mark of your being some-  
 thing more than you seem to be,  
 may be gather'd from the boldness  
 of your Attempt, which has highly  
 confirm'd me in the good Opinion I  
 had already entertain'd of you, and  
 in which you had succeeded, had  
 not those accidents, which happened  
 that Night, made me retire, when  
 I had already gone some steps in the  
 Garden, in order to meet you. It  
 is not the first time that an Heart  
 worthy a Princess's Esteem, has  
 been found to reside in a meaner  
 Breast, than that which should of  
 Right contain it. You cannot give  
 me a greater confirmation of the  
 good thoughts I entertain in your  
 behalf, and of the greatness of your  
 Love, than in rendring your self at  
 my Apartment this night about  
 twelve, where you shall be receiv'd  
 by a Person that shall conduct you  
 to me. Your Person is perfectly  
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*known to me, by what means, I shall inform you my self. Let it suffice you, that I intend this Honour to Chilase, though not in my own hand.*

*In what a Surprise was Repset at what he had seen! What shall I do in this case? said he to himself; this I find was intended by the Sultana unto Chilase; however Fortune has been so kind as to let it fall into my hands, and with Justice too: I have deserv'd more from that unkind Sultana than ever he could, have rendred her more and greater Services than ever he is like to do, and my Love and Courage is as great as his. Seeing then that it has once pleas'd Fortune to be favourable to me, I will not disoblige her in refusing her Kindness, I will personate that happy Musti, and push on my Fortune as far as it will go in this Intrigue, and what know I but that it may guide me into the*  
Sulta-

I Sultāna's Arms. Oh, that I were  
 there, continu'd he with a deep  
 sigh, well I will instantly to Chi-  
 lase, and feel his Pulse, but not a  
 word will I tell of the Assignment.  
 Thus he set forward again to-  
 wards Chilase's Lodgings. No soo-  
 ner had Repset gone towards his  
 Lodgings with the Note, but that  
 the same Person who had given it  
 him, and who had watch'd his  
 going, run presently to Chilase's  
 Lodgings again, enquired after  
 him, and gave him another Note,  
 and presently went his way. Chi-  
 lase retired, read in it the same  
 words which were in the other,  
 which Repset had been invited  
 to intercept, only with this ad-  
 dition at the bottom: If you let  
 the Musti Repset know or give him  
 the least occasion imaginable of sus-  
 pecting any Commerce between us,  
 particularly this nights Assignment,  
 you are lost for ever in my thoughts.

*Chilase* had much to do to keep himself within his own bounds at the reading of this Note ; he read it over and over, and kiss'd it as often : Go, said he, yes, through all the dangers that all Mankind and all the Devils in Hell could lay in my way, I would step over them thus and thus, most charming Princess, to come to your Summons. Thus was he expressing his Courage and his Love when *Repset* came into his Chamber without knocking, which had almost surpris'd *Chilase* past reprieve. So soon as he saw *Repset*, he slid the Note into his Pocket, and perceiving that he had seen some of his Actions, and heard some of his Words ; I was just repeating some words out of a Tragedy which affects me much, said he. Well, what News, continu'd he, from beyond Sea ? I have nothing new, reply'd *Repset*, that is pleasing ; the Sultana, I believe, has

none neither to her mind, she looks  
 so sowe and melancholick: I believe  
 that a Nunnery would be the best  
 place for her to retire in with her  
 sad and melancholick thoughts, with  
 which she disoblige all the World  
 but you. But me, reply'd Chilase,  
 I had, 'tis true, a glimpse of some  
 hopes by an Assignment; but what  
 did it come to? and what hopes  
 have I had since? who have not  
 heard one word more from her since  
 that time. Those great Persons will  
 take their own time, reply'd Rep-  
 set, and please their own humours;  
 what you have not had yet, no doubt,  
 you may expect; in short, next time  
 her inclinations move her, you shall  
 hear from her. Not if she has oc-  
 casion of sorrow, reply'd Chilase;  
 That ebbs and flows, as Women  
 please, answer'd Repset, after they  
 have given a moments space to  
 those troublesom thoughts, they  
 soon banish them from their Hearts,  
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they empty themselves of all that can but in the least check their Desires, and are all Love and Pleasure within, with whatsoever formality and sowness they disguise themselves without. Wait with patience and be happy in your great Enterprise, while I must rest contented with my meaner Fortune. Your Fortune, reply'd Chilase, is certain, and you certainly happy in the possession, while I live only upon hopes and desires. The two Musties were enter'd into those serious Reflexions, far from either of their thoughts and designs, when that Word was brought in, that a Person of Quality was come, who demanded to speak with Musti Chilase, which made the Musti Repset to retire.

Monitenna had engag'd in this her Design against the Musties, a Person who was highly oblig'd to her, for having obtain'd for him a  
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Favour from the Emperour ; he was to bring along with him a Friend or two more to assist him ; she had inform'd them in every Circumstance ; she had engag'd the two *Musties* by the two Notes which she had sent, not doubting but that *Repset's* Jealousie would oblige him to watch *Monitenna*, or his Envy and Malice towards *Chilase*, mixt with Love towards the *Sultana*, would make him endeavour to prevent his Rival's Happiness, in interposing between either of which would serve her turn, though she wish'd he might take the last Course. In fine, she had fitted all things to her purpose, and all this with the *Sultana's* approbation, and to *Clo-rineta's* knowledge, so far only as it concern'd *Chilase*, but not a word of *Repset* had she mention'd; she had posted her Friends in a little Room, next to that in which she

she design'd to bring the two *Mufties*, as in the *Sultana's* Chamber, all was to be transacted in the dark, as if by the *Sultana's* Orders she had advertis'd *Cha-abas* of the time, that he should appear, and what he should say, and she her self was to be their Conductor; she had no more to do but to wait the hour, which was near at hand.

To give a better Colour to the business, and take off all Suspicion on the *Muftie's* sides, the *Sultana* had quitted her own Chamber to *Monitenna's* disposal for that night, and was retired to her Closet with *Clorinetta*, to pass the time at Cards till the Sport was ready; and *Cha-abas* had been dispos'd of in the nearest Pavillion in the Garden to the *Sultana's* Chamber.

The hour being come, News were brought to *Monitenna*, that the

the *Musti Repset* did appear. There was no body stirring in the whole Apartment, and an obscurity reign'd all over it, but in such places as *Monitenna* had thought fit to enlighten with some small Candles, with the help of one of them which stood at a low Window, was the *Musti* discern'd. *Monitenna*, who was in a Dress which did sufficiently disguise her for a Woman belonging to the *Sultana*, came, and taking him by the Hand, *I see you are punctual*, said she, *and rather a little before your time; Follow me, continu'd she, and I'll lead you where you may be undressing your self while I go to the Sultana, to learn when I shall bring you to her.* With that she led him into a little Room, where there was a Light, in which she lock'd him up, and went to be ready to receive the other *Musti*, whose Love would not let him

him stay one moment beyond his time ; she accosted him with Words much of the same Nature, and led him into another convenient Room , where she bid him undress himself , and prepare for to go along with her to the *Sultana*, so soon as she should receive the Orders from her so to do , about which she was now going ; she shut him in also , and went to call that Woman who had informed her of the *Mufti's* coming ; she bid her to follow her , and to take that Person by the Hand , which she would give her in the dark , and to lead him very slowly into the *Sultana's* Chamber and to her Bed-side , where she should leave him and retire , locking the door after her ; and that when she was come to the Bed-side , she should pull the Curtain a little open. Having thus plac'd that Woman , she went into the Chamber , where  
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she put out the Candle, telling the *Mufti*, there would be no occasion for one, and taking him by the Hand, she led him in his Morning-Gown to the passage where the Woman was in the dark, and put him into her Hand, so run before through the *Sultana's* Chamber, took the other *Mufti* by the Hand, and led him hastily to the other side of the *Sultana's* Bed, where having heard the sign of the Curtain being drawn, she left him: With what eagerness did those two *Mufties* pull off their Gowns to step into the Embraces of a languishing *Sultana*! How were their Souls agitated with the very thoughts of the Enjoyments they were going to surfeit with! How many different violent Passions did at once seize on their Spirits! Love, Fear, Respect, and Ambition were all struggling at once, which should have the Mastery over their



their Spirit; and the Contention was so equally great, that it was the Cause, neither of those Passions had the power to quite exasperate their Spirits, and transport them beyond their natural bounds.

They stept into the Bed at the same time, with all the gentleness and reservedness imaginable, and with trembling Hands, and aking Hearts, stretcht forth their Arms to feel out for the prey, they met one anothers Hand, and at the very first touch pull'd them back, as if each had met with a Viper, not without a strange surprisal, and both lay quiet a while after, which endeavouring to inform themselves better with their Legs, they approach'd them towards the middle of the Bed, with as little satisfaction as they had receiv'd from their Hands, but with much more apprehensions: At last the boldest of the two had

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so much Courage as to lay his Hand on the others Face and Head, which having fully informed him, that it was a man he had felt, and that having emboldened the other to do the same, as much by way of prevention or defence, as to satisfy any further his Curiosity, they at last through fear of danger, did seize one another so hard, that the smart caus'd them each to offend his Enemy as much as he could, in order to secure themselves: these seizing at last came to blows; and they were accompanied by words, and in the bustle and confusion of the Combat, holding still one another very fast with one Hand, while they laid on with the other, they at last both came down on the floor together. This being heard by *Monitenna*, she presently run to *Charabas*, and brought him in to the Chamber, ushering him with

with two Flambaus in her Hands, at the sight of which our obstinate Combatants would not yield, *Cha-abas* seeing them thus all bloody, their shirts half torn off of their Backs, and the few Hairs they had strow'd over them; *How now, Gentlemen*, said he to them, *what do you do here in the Sultana's Chamber at this time of the night, and in this posture?* They hearing the Emperour's Voice, turn'd all their late animosity into shame and confusion, each of them endeavouring to recover their Night-Gowns, and to hide themselves. *I'll send some body to you to cool your Courage*, said *Cha-abas*, *and when they have done their business; I'll give you another Visit, meantime prepare your selves for the Mortification which is intended you.* With that he went out of the Chamber, laughing heartily at them. *Monitenna*, who had left  

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one of the Lights in the Chamber, follow'd the Emperour, and lock'd the door upon them; and when she had convey'd *Chabas*, where he might see and hear the second Scene, and not be seen, she went and brought the *Sultana* and *Clorineta* into the Chamber, that they might have a share of the Mirth, which the Confusion of those two Lechers did produce, they all the while hanging down their Heads, and hiding their Faces, as if they thought to conceal the knowledge of who they were. The *Sultana* began first to speak; *Why, how now, said she, my Gallant split in two? or has he brought a Friend with him to let him see his Happiness, or to partake of his Felicity? He must by all means take share with him in his good Fortune.* With that she fell a laughing at them, but was not seconded in it by *Clorineta*, as she had been at their first

first coming in. She perceiving two, though they had so well muffled themselves up in their Gowns, that their Faces were not to be known, had some certain apprehensions, that she might be too far concern'd in the conclusion of the business to afford any share of her Mirth to it, more than she had done already. *I hope, continu'd the Sultana, that the Emperour will reward his grave Confessor for so noble an Attempt on the Person of a Princess that had shelter'd her self under his generous and Royal Protection; and will not let his Companion, whoever he is, lose his share of the Recompence: May I not know who it is, continued she, raising her voice, I must know to whom I am so much oblig'd for their Visit, Who can inform me? This she said looking on Montenna. None better than themselves, Madam, if they please but to speak,*  
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answer'd Monitenna *Yes, Madam, I will speak*, said then Repset in a Tone that spoke nothing but Rage, Fury, and Despair, *I am that unfortunate Repset*, said he, *who had the Heart-breaking to receive a Note of this Assignment, which was intended for that Person, and tho' I found that it was not your Hand that had writ it, yet believing it to be a pursuance of that Intrigue, of which Chilase had made me his Confident; out of Envy to his good Fortune, and with a design to disappoint him, I came hither, under the assurance of that Note, which had been deliver'd to me, which in the reading I found to be directed to him; and now let him answer for himself.*

You may imagine, or rather it cannot be imagin'd, into what a Consternation this put poor *Clo-rinetta*, not many days before she had wish'd Repset far enough from distur-



disturbing her new Amours with the Emperour ; but so soon as she had lost all hopes of any further Conversation through his silence after those unluckly Disappointments which had happen'd to their Assignations, she had recall'd her Love to *Repset*, and was of opinion, that playing at a small Game, was much better than being quite out of Play, though it were but for the sake of the Company. She therefore could not conceal so well her resentments, but that notice was taken of them both by the *Sultana* and *Monitenna*, which oblig'd the *Sultana* to retire sooner than she intended, who was followed by *Clorinetta* and *Monitenna*.

No sooner had the *Sultana* set a step towards her retiring, but that those Persons who had been appointed by *Monitenna* to play their parts, came into the Room, they

they had been waiting some time for the *Sultana's* retreat, they came up to the two *Musties*, and taking fast hold of them in a kind of rough way, told them that by Order from the Emperour, they came to remove their station into another place; they led them into another Room, where the door being shut upon them, they had leisure to consider that there were two or three men more who look'd like Surgeons, with Incision-Knives, Razors, Scissors, Plasters, Rowlers, and such like things on a Table before them; then casting their looks towards the Chimney, they saw Searing-Irons in the fire. These things of themselves spoke terrour enough to the Criminals, and doubtless they were apprehensive that they design'd a punishment proportionable and fuitable to their Crimes, in which they were presently

confirm'd, when one of the Surgeons ask'd those Persons that had brought them in, *Whether those were the two Persons that were to be made Eunuchs?* Yes, reply'd the two other; *Then assist us to bind them,* said the Surgeons, *that we may obey the Emperor's Orders, who has declar'd, that he would have us serv'd so, if we obey not his Commands to a tittle.* With that, all those that were in the Room, came about the two poor *Musties*, as with a design to bind them. When they both set themselves to oppose with all their violence the severity of that Decree, pleading both, That they had been trepan'd; That it was a designed Plot to put a signal Affront upon the whole Clergy in their particular Persons, and that they were to be put into Ecclesiastical Hands to be punish'd, if guilty, but that they knew not  
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any fault that they were guilty of. Thus did the terrour of the punishment reconcile in a moment two Persons who but a minute before were declar'd Enemies : They were answer'd, That their very being at such an unseasonable hour in that Undress in the *Sultana's* Chamber, could not but speak them guilty ; and upon that, the Surgeons came up nearer to them, as with Cords in their Hands, with a design to bind them. When *Repser*, who was the most valiant of the two, and nearest the fire, stoopt on the sudden, and taking up two of the red-hot Irons out of the fire, he gave one to *Chilase*, saying, *Here, take this in your defence, and let us die bravely, and sell our lives as dear as we can, rather than endure tamely that horrid Torment that these cruel Hang-men would inflict upon us. Let them not unman*

*us, but let us die like men.*

This sudden and desperate Resolution in *Repset*, which had been embrac'd also by *Chilase*, who had been rendred couragious by Example, set the others on retreating some steps, and enter into a Consultation, the result of which was, That the two Delinquents should desire that one of them should be sent to the Emperour, to humbly remonstrate to Him of the one hand, that they were both alur'd into this *Præmunire*; to which they consented, saying, *That the one had but obey'd the Sultana's Command, and the other but design'd to break his measures; That this force us'd against two Persons of such eminent Ranks amongst the Clergie, was a too great intrenching on their Prerogatives; And on the other, that rather than yield to so severe a punishment, they would die, though they should be forc'd*

forc'd to kill themselves, if they could not overcome their Enemies, unto whom they would sell their lives as dear as they could. These Instructions being deliver'd to Persons that had no further Orders, than to affright them to the last extremity, were sufficient to set them going to the Emperour. Mean time there was a Cessation of Arms, and a further Parley betwixt the two Parties, in which abundance of things were said on both sides; yet all this while neither Party knew one another personally, nor so much as the Names of any Persons, and the two *Musties* were so alter'd in their Countenances with the apprehensions of the eminent danger they were in, besides their odd kind of Dresses, that persons who had been familiarly acquainted with them, had scarce known them.



The Messenger that was sent to Cha-abas, return'd with an Olive-branch in his mouth, and smiling, said, Well, Gentlemen, whoe're you are? for we know you not; wherefore you may be certain, that we have done nothing without Orders from the Emperour. I am to declare to you the Emperour's last Will and Resolution in this present Business. Know then, That through the Intercession of some Ladies, which are to be nameless, something more than your Lives is granted to their humble Requests, on Conditions, that from henceforth neither of you ever attempt more to go to Balls and Masqueradings; That neither of you presume to court or sollicite any Ladies of what degree soever, nor be so vain as to take their Sports with such inferiour Persons for Realities and serious Assignations; And that neither of you shall ever dare to lift up your eyes, much less your thoughts

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in any place where the Emperour looks but with a respectful Countenance. What say you, Gentlemen? Will you stand to this Agreement, and solemnly promise to perform every tittle thereof upon your words? Cbilase did presently give his consent and assurance, that he would be a true Observer of the Articles; but as to Repset, he made some demur in the matter: He said, That he would promise to go no further than he was entred already in any Commerce with the female Sex, and that he would never look after, nor aspire at any more Correspondency with any Woman whatsoever, than what he had done already; but that as to what was already past, he could not recal it back again. With such Equivocations and mental Reservations he resolv'd to cleave still to his Clorinetta; but what he said was taken for satisfactory, the Surgeons, at least those Per-

sons that were disguis'd, pack'd up their Tools, and required of the two *Musties* their fiery Weapons, which having put up also, they went their ways. The *Musties* Cloaths were afterwards brought to them by the same Woman, whom *Monitenna* had employ'd before, they dress'd themselves, bundled up their Night-Gowns, and convey'd them under their long Robes, and were after that convey'd into the street, where the door being shut after them, they took each of them that course which they liked best.

*Monitenna* gave a full Relation to the *Sultana* of the whole Business before *Clorinetta*, who was forc'd to joyn in their Mirth, with some few forc'd Smiles, but long'd extreamly to see *Repset*, or at least to hear from him. As to the two *Musties*, the frights they had been put in, had brought them both

both into most violent Feavers, in which the Mighty French *Panaceas* for all Diseases, Clysters, Julips, and Bleedings were not wanting, and if that cure them not, they are as surely doom'd to Death, as any of our Rusticks are when no amendments appears after the advantageous use of a Pepper-Posset. *Chilase* was the first which was reckon'd out of danger, yet he had a lingring Feaver on him for a long time. But *Repset* being of a more fiery disposition, the fuel of his Feaver lasted longer before it had spent it self, insomuch that he was almost brought to the last gasp: Yet at last through a sight which he had got of *Clorinetta*, who had solicited the *Sultana* to send her to him with an *How do you?* He began to recover little by little, but remain'd so long weak, and so oppress'd with Melancholy, that he stirr'd

not out of his Chamber in two months time.

*Cha-abas* was infinitely pleas'd with *Monitenna*, for having given him so Comical a diversion and revenge, in which there had been so much terrour, and so little hurt, and the Reputation of both the *Musties* secur'd by the concealment of their Names and Persons under Disguises. *Monitenna*, mean time, did triumph within her self, for having at once so bravely reveng'd her self of all her Enemies, and ingratiated her self so far into *Cha-abas* Favour again, as not to be remov'd from thence in haste by any new Pretender.

Things were in that amorous and diverting posture in the *Persian* Court, when News came from divers parts of *Cha-abas* ill Success against those Confederate Princes that were resolv'd to re-  
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cover their Rights, which *Chababas* had basely taken, and with the same injustice with-held from them. But if he was beaten, and forc'd to surrender those places that he had formerly surpris'd, he would be sure to level them first, to blow up all publick Edifices, to set fire on every place, not sparing the very Churches, and even to dig up the very Foundations of the City-walls. This was done always in cold blood, after they had satiated themselves with Ravishments and horrid Murders. All this under pretence to leave the Country so desolate, as that their Enemies should not be able to subsist in it; though it was well known, that it was but with a design to animate and encourage his men, who being convinc'd of the injustice of their Master's Cause, would frequently take all opportunities of deserting  
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so cruel and bloody a Master, to adhere to such persons as with Justice prosecuted a generous War against that general Enemy of Mankind. Of truth his Cruelties were such, that those few of his Allies, who had at first stuck to him, abandon'd him, having not the Heart to assist a Person that had so wholly given himself up to the ruine and destruction of Mankind.

Neither was he more successful in *Leridan*. His Army there, which though joyned with that of the Natives of that Kingdom, which though very cruel against the *Mahometans*, was so out-done in those barbarous Acts by the *Persians*, that they began to fear the falling under their Tyranny. They did not stick to declare this, and to confess that they had rather continue to live under the *Mahometan Yoke*, than to be made  
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Slaves to the *Persians*; and when they were told by the *Persian* Officers, that those *Mahometans*, with whom they prefer'd to live rather than under them, were Hereticks, they boldly answer'd, that so was their Emperour and themselves also, for having made War against the Grand *Mufti*, and declaring him not infallible, which Tenet, said they, none but Hereticks would hold: Besides, they highly murmur'd at the ill Success which they had in all their Undertakings, at the loss of so many brave men before so mean a place as was *Lynderodon*; now that they could not effect any thing with their Golden Batteries, as they had formerly done in other places. These Complaints of the *Leridians* to the *Persians*, produced nothing but Grudges, and Heart-burnings betwixt them, which amongst the Officers on both  
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sides, after having reproach'd one another of want of Courage, came to quarrels, which ended in blows and Duels, in which commonly the *Persians* came by the worse. While that the common Souldiers did daily desert, retiring in their Fastnesses and Retreats, where they bid defiance to the *Persians*.

The *Mahometans* mean time, kept themselves in strong Holds, and with unspeakable Valour did oppose their Enemies, daily expecting a very considerable Relief from *Albion* and *Clonstad*. Especially those of *Lynderodon*, behaved themselves with such extraordinary Valour, that they, in divers Sallies, did kill and take so many, both Officers and Souldiers of their Enemies, that they were fore'd to raise the Siege, and to retire at such a considerable distance from that place with their Army, that these brave *Mahometans*

*tans* remain'd Masters of the Field ten miles round them.

The Winds proving contrary, during a long time, for the transportation of those Men and Ammunition which were ready to go, as it is usual at that season of the year. The Fleet appointed to carry them, put divers times to Sea, but as often were driven back again by Westerly, Notherly, and Northwest Winds.

In the Kingdom of *Clonstad*, the principal Fortress was surrendred at discretion, and all those that had taken up Arms for *Amurat*, were beaten and dispers'd, divers Packets of Letters, Instructions and Commissions sent by *Amurat* from *Leridan*, to those of his Palty in *Clonstad*, were discover'd, the Persons seiz'd and imprison'd, their Papers brought to the Grand Council of that Nation, read and examined, whereby all the *Hal-*  
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*list*s Designs and private Plots at that time in agitation in that Kingdom, were laid open and detected; upon which divers, of all the three States of that Kingdom, were apprehended, and made close Prisoners, and all the Hopes of *Amurat* and of his Party thereby quite dash'd to pieces, beyond all hopes of recovery.

Now were the *Ottoman* and *Haldonian* Fleets joyn'd at Sea, which made *Cha-abas* Fleet to divide it self; part of it was sent by him to annoy and destroy some of the *Ottomans* and *Haldonians* Plantations in the *Indies*, and the rest was kept in their Harbours, not daring to stir forth, but watching for some opportunity of conveying some Recruits of Men, Arms, and Ammunitions into *Leridan*, which was almost impossible for them to do the direct way, because the *Ottoman* Fleet lay



lay in the Chancel. He likewise sent some Ships with Relief for *Leridan*, whose Officers were to steer their Course quite another way, to such an appointed distance, where they were to open their Commissions, and then they were order'd to steer round, and to land in *Leridan*, where they could most conveniently, not to be molested by the *Ottoman* Fleet.

But if that *Cha-abas* had such Designs on *Leridan*, which Kingdom of truth he had bought very dear, and for which he had already, some years since, made divers considerable Payments, and which was yet to cost him much more Money and mens Lives, before he could be absolute Master of it, if ever he did get it. *Solyman* and his Grand Council of the *Divan* were not wanting on their parts to supply the two Kingdoms of *Clonstad* and *Leridan* with all Necessaries,



cessaries, to suppress all the *Halists* Plots and Machinations, to disarm them, seize them from amongst them that were the most forward in broaching of false Reports, in dispersing of libellous and treasonable Papers, and in sowing of Sedition and Rebellion amongst the Mobile. Divers of them were seiz'd, sitting in their dark Councils, some in dispersing of false and forg'd Proclamations and Declarations, under *Amarat's* Name, and others in buying of Arms, and making great Provisions, in order to a Rebellion. These Arms were discover'd, seiz'd on, and secur'd, and the Gaols were fill'd with those seditious *Halists*. Thus by the Emperour's Vigilance, and the Grand Council of the *Ottoman* Empires wise Counsels, all their mischiefs were prevented, and all things tended to a perfect Peace and Settlement of the

the whole Empire ; insomuch that those who sat at the Helm, thought fit to give *Cha-abas* some diversion , and to attack him by Sea , while the rest of his Enemies were prosecuting of the War againk him by Land.

To that purpose there were Designs laid of going with the greatest part of the united Fleets before that Haven where *Cha-abas* Fleet lay at Anchor, and there, as occasion should serve, and as they should think most convenient, either send a considerable number of Fire-ships in amongst them all at once, and so burn and destroy them in their Harbour, or else block them up in it, so as that they might not be able to get out, by sinking divers old Carcasses of Ships laden with stones at the mouth of the Harbour.

It was also deliberated, That during that Diversion a considerable

nable Army should be landed thereabouts, to seize on the Forts, Castles, and other strong Holds that were the Guards of that Haven. These things and divers others of the same Nature, were debated, and some concluded upon, which shew'd that all things were in good posture in the *Ottoman* Empire, since that they began from being wholly on the defensive to undertake their part of an offensive War with the rest of their Allies against *Cha-abas*, that universal Enemy of Mankind, and of the true, ancient, and *Mahometan* Religion.

Thus far did my Memoirs reach, from whence I have taken that matter, of which I have compos'd the first and second Part of the *Court Secret*. May the downfall, ruine, and total destruction of the *Ante-Titus Vespasianus* of our

our days, afford me matter sufficient to make a third Part of the *Court Secret*, or to make a compleat Piece of it self under the Title of, *The prodigious Birth and Life, Tyrannical Government, and miserable Fall of the Christian Turk, Lewis the Fourteenth.*

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